

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1756**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce J. Ayers***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/9/2019</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1756**

---

---

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1756) of Bruce J. Ayers and others relative to holding property owners accountable for recurring municipal public nuisance complaints. Municipalities and Regional Government.

---

---

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1077 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act to hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 1. This bill shall hold property owners that face multiple public nuisance  
2 complaints accountable. After 10 police calls regarding complaints from or involving a specific  
3 location over a period of 1 year, the property owner shall be responsible for the cost associated  
4 with any additional police calls and other costs incurred by the police department and/or  
5 municipality.

6           Section 2. Any funds collected from property owners based on this legislation shall go  
7 back towards the municipality.

8           Section 3. Enforcement of this legislation is at the discretion of the Chief of Police or  
9 other local authority of the city or town where the property is located.