## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 267**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

## Randy Hunt, (BY REQUEST)

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 regulating complaints from clients against home inspectors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Ralph M. Crossen	18 Woodridge Rd, E Sandwich, MA 02537	1/16/2019

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By Mr. Hunt of Sandwich (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 267) of Ralph M. Crossen regulating complaints from clients against home inspectors. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act regulating complaints from clients against home inspectors.

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

- Section 1. Section 225 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2016
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph 9 the following paragraph:-
- In the case of a complaint made by the client;
- 4 (i) the client must agree to a second inspection by a new inspector chosen by the original
- 5 inspector before any repairs are made; failure to do so will result in bar of future legal action;
- 6 (ii) a license complaint must initially be filed by the client, in the case that the board of
- 7 licensure does not agree that the inspector violated any of the standards of practice; the client is
- 8 barred from later seeking legal action; and
- 9 (iii) the client must agree that if the board finds fault against the home inspector, the
- client may only pursue legal action based on these findings.