

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4884**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey N. Roy and Nick Collins*

*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 relative to tort actions for latent diseases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/5/2020</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/5/2020</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/11/2020</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/12/2020</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/12/2020</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2020</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/12/2020</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2020</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/12/2020</i>

<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/16/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/17/2020</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/20/2020</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin and Senator Collins, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy, Nick Collins and others relative to tort actions for latent diseases. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to tort actions for latent diseases.

*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: Section 2B of Chapter 260 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph in the section:-

3 Nothing in this section shall apply to any tort actions for damages due to latent diseases  
4 caused by exposure to toxic substances including, but not limited to, asbestos.

5 SECTION 2:

6 Section 1 shall be effective for all causes of action accruing before, on, or after the date  
7 of its enactment, including any cause of action now pending