

SENATE No. 895

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone Creem

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 require the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia Stone Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 895) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to require that judgements for money damages be reported. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 807 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act to require the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages.

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. Chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 25, the following section:-

3 Section 25A. Any party who obtains a judgment for money damages under the procedure
4 shall, within 60 days after full satisfaction of such judgment, file a notice of satisfaction of
5 judgment with the court that issued the judgment. Any party who fails to do so shall be liable to
6 the judgment debtor for any costs and attorneys fees awarded on motion in the court's discretion
7 that were reasonably incurred in proving that the judgment was satisfied in full. This section
8 shall not apply to a judgment that has been satisfied by levy of execution.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 235 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
10 section 13, as so appearing, the following section:-

11 Section 13A. Any party who obtains a judgment for money damages shall, within 60 days
12 after full satisfaction of such judgment, file a notice of satisfaction of judgment with the court
13 that issued the judgment. Any party who fails to do so shall be liable to the judgment debtor for
14 any costs and attorneys fees awarded on motion in the court's discretion that were reasonably
15 incurred in proving that the judgment was satisfied in full. This section shall not apply to a
16 judgment that has been satisfied by levy of execution.

17 SECTION 3. Chapter 239 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
18 section 3, as so appearing, the following section:-

19 Section 3A. Any party who obtains a judgment under this chapter that includes money
20 damages for rent shall, within 60 days after full satisfaction of such judgment, file a notice of
21 satisfaction of judgment with the court that issued the judgment. Any party who fails to do so
22 shall be liable to the judgment debtor for any costs and attorneys fees awarded on motion in the
23 court's discretion that were reasonably incurred in proving that the judgment was satisfied in full.
24 This section shall not apply to a money judgment that has been satisfied by levy of execution.