

HOUSE No. 330

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan and Barry R. Finegold

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 establish licensing standards for drain cleaners.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>

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By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Finegold, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 330) of Tackey Chan, Barry R. Finegold and others for legislation to establish licensing standards for drain cleaners. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 211 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to establish licensing standards for drain cleaners.

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 1 of chapter 142 is hereby amended by inserting after the definition
2 of “Certificate of a gas fitting corporation or certificate of a gas fitting partnership” the following
3 2 definitions:-

4 “Drain cleaner,” a person who himself does any work in drain cleaning as certified under
5 section 3C.

6 “Drain cleaning,” the removing of stoppages or obstructions in a plumbing drainage
7 system.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 142 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 3B the
9 following new section:-

10 Section 3C. No drain cleaner shall engage in the practice of drain cleaning without
11 completing the necessary education requirements and is certified by the board. A drain cleaner
12 must demonstrate that he or she has completed at least 100 hours of drain cleaning work under
13 the supervision of an existing drain cleaning business incorporated with the state prior to January
14 1, 2021 or a licensed plumber. Drain cleaners shall limit their drain cleaning work to pipes
15 connected to fixtures inside a structure, which shall include, but not be limited to sinks, bathtubs,
16 toilets, cleanouts with a removable plug or cap, and removable fixture traps. Drain cleaners shall
17 not install, destroy or cut any pipes. The fee for certification shall not be more than fifty dollars
18 every two years to be paid at the time of certification renewal.