HOUSE No. 4957

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William C. Galvin

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 providing for tenant agents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:William C. Galvin6th Norfolk12/22/2021

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin relative to tenant agents. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act providing for tenant agents.

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

- 1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 87DDD½
- 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-
- 3 Section 87DDD½. No person shall engage in the business of finding dwelling
- 4 accommodations for prospective tenants for a fee unless such person is a licensed broker or
- 5 salesperson as defined in section 87PP.
- A licensed real estate broker or salesperson may solely contract with a tenant or
- 7 prospective tenant to locate or rent residential real property for a tenant or find a tenant for a
- 8 property and present an offer to lease to the landlord or landlord's agent and negotiate on behalf
- 9 of the tenant.