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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli

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 legal advertisements in online-only newspapers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Smitty Pignatelli	*3rd Berkshire*	*1/9/2023*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/19/2023*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*1/25/2023*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*2/22/2023*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*2/27/2023*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*3/4/2023*
Michelle L. Ciccolo	*15th Middlesex*	*3/16/2023*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*10/5/2023*

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By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1723) of Smitty Pignatelli and others relative to legal advertisements in online-only newspapers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to legal advertisements in online-only newspapers.

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. Subsection (b) of section 13 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Provided further, that for an online-only newspaper that does not maintain a print publication, publication on its own website and on a statewide website shall satisfy the publication requirement.

SECTION 2. Subsection (d) of said section 13 of said chapter 4, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- For an online-only newspaper, an error in a legal notice published on the online-only newspaper's website or the statewide website that is the result of (1) an error of the website operator; or (2) a temporary website outage or service interruption that prevents the publication or display of a legal notice on the website, shall not constitute a defect in publication of the legal notice; provided, however, that the legal notice appears correctly on either the online-only newspaper's website or the statewide website, and satisfies all other legal notice requirements.