

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1231**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John J. Lawn, Jr.***

*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 temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1231) of John J. Lawn, Jr., relative to appointing temporary qualified appraisers for damage covered by auto insurance policies. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1079 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act providing for temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies.

*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 8G of chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 at the end thereof the following paragraph:

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4           Upon a declaration of an emergency in any area of the commonwealth by the governor  
5 or upon the declaration by the commissioner of insurance that severe weather conditions or other  
6 circumstances have resulted in a claims emergency, and notwithstanding any other provision of  
7 this section, an insurer may appoint temporary qualified appraisers to facilitate the prompt  
8 resolution of claims arising out of the emergency by notifying the Board either in writing,  
9 electronically or by facsimile. An appraiser already licensed in another state or an appraiser who

10 works for an insurer that does business in Massachusetts and who regularly appraises motor  
11 vehicles in a state where an appraiser license is not required shall be considered a qualified  
12 appraiser. A qualified appraiser so appointed shall be considered licensed for all purposes of this  
13 section, that that status shall terminate upon a determination by the commissioner of insurance  
14 that temporary appraisers are no longer required to facilitate the resolution of claims.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on enactment.