

HOUSE No. 1562

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy

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 locksmiths and notice to property owners.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1562) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to locksmiths changing locks on rental properties. Housing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to locksmiths and notice to property owners.

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 26 of chapter 186 of the General Laws as so appearing in the 2022 Official
2 Edition is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:

3 (g) Any locksmith retained to change locks on a rental property shall first make a good
4 faith effort to determine whether the landlord or property owner has received notice of the
5 request. The locksmith shall also determine if the rental agreement requires that the owner retain
6 a key to the leased residential premises and if so, shall make a good faith effort to provide a key
7 to the new locks to the owner within 2 business days of the locks being changed.