

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1967**

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**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 tort actions for latent diseases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1967) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to tort actions for latent diseases. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1746 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 relative to tort actions for latent diseases.

*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 2B of Chapter 260 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2   2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph in the section:-

3           Nothing in this section shall apply to any tort actions for damages due to latent diseases  
4   caused by exposure to toxic substances including, but not limited to, asbestos.

5           SECTION 2:

6           Section 1 shall be effective for all causes of action accruing before, on, or after the date  
7   of its enactment, including any cause of action now pending.