

HOUSE No. 3212

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bridget Plouffe

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 ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Bridget Plouffe</i> | <i>9th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>2/21/2025</i> |
| <i>Natalie M. Higgins</i> | <i>4th Worcester</i> | <i>11/18/2025</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>11/18/2025</i> |

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By Representative Plouffe of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3212) of Bridget Plouffe and Michael D. Brady relative to the assessment of the value of property for tax purposes. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2728 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property.

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 2A of Chapter 59 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following
2 subsection:

3 (d) Whenever a Massachusetts Assessor deems it reasonably necessary to enter upon a
4 property to collect physical and functional data pertinent to its proper determination of fair cash
5 value for the fiscal year tax roll, and in accordance with the Department of Revenue’s
6 requirements as well as the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices nationally
7 recognized techniques of appraising property; the assessor or his authorized agents or employees
8 may, after reasonable notice, enter upon said property, lands, waters and premises, not including
9 buildings, in the commonwealth, and such entry shall not be deemed a trespass. Nothing in this

- 10 section shall relieve an assessor of liability for damage caused by entry to said property, by
- 11 himself or his agents or employees.