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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Margaret R. Scarsdale***

*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 contractor liability for unpermitted construction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to contractor liability for unpermitted construction.

*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 94 of chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following paragraph:-

3           (s) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to promulgate rules and  
4 regulations as part of the state building code mandating liability for contractors who perform  
5 work without a required permit including, but not limited to, permits required by the state  
6 building code, a municipality, section 40 of chapter 131, chapter 91 or any other permits required  
7 by the General Laws. The rules and regulations shall include fines for contractors who perform  
8 work without a required permit and shall mandate that contractors obtain permits personally or  
9 retain copies of permits provided by a landowner for a reasonable time, to be provided to  
10 permitting authorities upon request.