

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. Stanley*

*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 assessor certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th 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 assessor certificates.

*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. Chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
2 21A and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 21A. (a) In any city or town that accepts this section, an assessor or assistant  
4 assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and training and has been awarded a  
5 certificate by the International Association of Assessing Officers as a certified assessment  
6 evaluator or who has been awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Association of Assessing  
7 Officers, Inc. as a certified Massachusetts assessor shall receive as compensation from such city  
8 or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by such city or town for services in such  
9 office, an amount equal to 10 per cent of such regular compensation; provided, that such  
10 additional compensation shall not exceed: (i) \$3000 annually, if such assessor or assistant

11 assessor is employed on a full-time basis; or (ii) \$500 annually, if such assessor or assistant  
12 assessor is employed on a part-time basis.

13 (b) An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study  
14 and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing  
15 Officers as a residential evaluation specialist or who has been awarded a certificate by the  
16 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. as a residential Massachusetts assessor  
17 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation  
18 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to 5 per cent of such  
19 regular compensation; provided, that such additional compensation shall not exceed \$2,000  
20 annually, and the increase shall only apply if such assessor or assistant assessor is employed on a  
21 full-time basis.

22 (c) An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study  
23 and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing  
24 Officers as an assessment administration specialist or who has been awarded a certificate by the  
25 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. as a Massachusetts accredited assessor  
26 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation  
27 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to 3 per cent of such  
28 regular compensation; provided, that in no event shall such additional compensation exceed  
29 \$1,000 annually, and the increase shall only apply if such assessor or assistant assessor is  
30 employed on a full-time basis.

31 (d) An assessor or assistant assessor who has been awarded any certificates referred to in  
32 this section shall receive such additional compensation for only 1 of such certificates. In order to

33 qualify for such additional compensation, an assessor or assistant assessor shall submit proof that  
34 they have been awarded such certificates to the mayor or the select board of such city or town.  
35 The additional compensation herein provided shall be prorated for any 12-month period in which  
36 an eligible person does not hold the office of assessor or assistant assessor for 12 consecutive  
37 months.

38 SECTION 2. Said chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by striking  
39 out section 21A½ and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

40 Section 21A½. (a) In any city or town that accepts this section, an assessor or assistant  
41 assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and training and has been awarded a  
42 certificate by the International Association of Assessing Officers as a certified assessment  
43 evaluator or who has been awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Association of Assessing  
44 Officers, Inc. as a certified Massachusetts assessor shall receive as compensation from such city  
45 or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by such city or town for services in such  
46 office, an amount equal to 10 per cent of such regular compensation.

47 (b) An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study  
48 and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing  
49 Officers as a residential evaluation specialist or who has been awarded a certificate by the  
50 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. as a residential Massachusetts assessor  
51 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation  
52 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to 5 per cent of such  
53 regular compensation.

54 (c) An assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study  
55 and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing  
56 Officers as an assessment administration specialist or who has been awarded a certificate by the  
57 Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. as a Massachusetts accredited assessor  
58 shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation  
59 paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to 3 per cent of such  
60 regular compensation.

61 (d) An assessor or assistant assessor who has been awarded more than 1 of the certificates  
62 referred to in this section shall receive such additional compensation for only 1 of such  
63 certificates. In order to qualify for such additional compensation, an assessor or assistant assessor  
64 shall submit proof that they have been awarded such certificates to the mayor or the select board  
65 of such city or town. The additional compensation herein provided shall be prorated for any 12-  
66 month period in which an eligible person does not hold the office of assessor or assistant assessor  
67 for 12 consecutive months. In those cities and towns that accept the provisions of section 21A,  
68 this section shall not apply.