

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Tackey Chan*

*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 filing slander against anonymous parties on the internet.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 61 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 filing slander against anonymous parties on the internet.

*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 91 of Chapter 231 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:-

3           A plaintiff with the intent of filing against a defendant under this section, but is unable to  
4 do so because of a lack of a real name of the person committing the act and said real name is  
5 being held by a third party who provides the forum, which includes, but not limited to, paper,  
6 Internet and Telecommunications, by which the defendant is able to commit such an act. The  
7 third party shall release the name, address and relative contact information to the plaintiff within  
8 ten days of the plaintiff's request; provided that the plaintiff states the intent is the file an action  
9 against the defendant under this section. Should the third party not comply with the plaintiff's  
10 request, the plaintiff may seek a court order from district court, seeking the third party to release

- 11 the information, so the plaintiff can initiate a filing against a defendant. The district court may
- 12 impose penalties for non-compliance of a court order on the third party if there is no compliance.