

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven George Xiarhos

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 eliminating cashless bail.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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

An Act relative to eliminating cashless bail.

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 ONE. Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section
2 157 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out Section 24 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

4 Section 24. (a) The maximum fee to be charged by a person authorized to take bail or
5 release on personal recognizance in the case of a person arrested for any misdemeanor or felony
6 shall be \$80.

7 (b) No person authorized to take bail shall delegate: (i) the setting or taking of bail; or (ii)
8 the setting or taking of release on personal recognizance to any other person. Fee-splitting
9 arrangements shall be prohibited.

10 (c) A person authorized to take bail shall receive the fee under subsection (a) after
11 determining the terms of release and the prisoner ultimately recognizes out-of-court.