

SENATE No. 285

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 the licensure of appraisers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>3/31/2025</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/2/2025</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>6/2/2025</i>
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>11/6/2025</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 285) of Michael F. Rush, Michael D. Brady, Dylan A. Fernandes, Joanne M. Comerford and others for legislation relative to the licensure of appraisers. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 213 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to the licensure of appraisers.

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 8G of Chapter 26 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
3 new paragraph:-

4 Section 8G. There shall be in the division of occupational licensure an auto damage
5 appraiser licensing board, hereinafter called the board, consisting of seven persons. The governor
6 shall appoint two members who shall be affiliated with the auto body repair industry and two
7 members who shall be affiliated with insurance companies writing casualty insurance within the
8 commonwealth. The attorney general shall appoint one representative of their office and shall
9 appoint one additional person, unaffiliated with their office, an auto body shop or an insurance
10 company, to represent consumers. The commissioner of the division of occupational licensure

11 shall appoint one person who shall not be affiliated with either the auto body industry or the
12 insurance industry and who shall be the chair of the board. No member shall serve for more than
13 2 consecutive and complete 3 year terms. As the term of the office of a member expires, a
14 successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of 3 years. A vacancy on the board shall
15 be filled within 60 days from the date of the vacancy.