

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1654**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Cleon H. Turner*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act making display of an invalid workers compensation certificate a criminal offense.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Cleon H. Turner*

*1st Barnstable*

*Denise Andrews*

*2nd Franklin*

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By Mr. Turner of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1654) of Cleon H. Turner and Denise Andrews relative to making display of an invalid workers compensation certificate a criminal offense. The Judiciary.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act making display of an invalid workers compensation certificate a criminal offense.

*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. Any employer required to maintain worker’s compensation insurance under  
2 chapter 152 of the General Laws who falsely asserts to an employee, customer or government  
3 official that the employer has an active workers’ compensation insurance policy or who presents,  
4 displays or shows a certificate of workers’ compensation insurance or certificate of self  
5 insurance when such certificate is invalid or has been cancelled, revoked, or otherwise  
6 terminated shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars or imprisonment in a  
7 jail or house of correction for not more than two and one half years or both and shall be  
8 personally liable for any loss or damages to anyone who has relied on such false assertion or  
9 invalid certificate.