

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1863**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey N. Roy*

*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 tort actions for latent diseases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>

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By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1863) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others relative to tort actions for damages due to latent diseases caused by exposure to asbestos and other toxic substances. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to tort actions for latent diseases.

*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 2B of Chapter 260 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph in the section:-

3 Nothing in this section shall apply to any tort actions for damages due to latent diseases  
4 caused by exposure to toxic substances including, but not limited to, asbestos.

5 SECTION 2:

6 Section 1 shall be effective for all causes of action accruing before, on, or after the date  
7 of its enactment, including any cause of action now pending.