

HOUSE **No. 211**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan and Barry R. Finegold

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 to establish licensing standards for drain cleaners.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>

<i>Joseph F. Wagner</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

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By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Finegold, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 211) of Tackey Chan and others for legislation to establish licensing standards for drain cleaners. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to establish licensing standards for drain cleaners.

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 1 of chapter 142 is hereby amended by inserting after the definition
2 of "Certificate of a gas fitting corporation or certificate of a gas fitting partnership" the following
3 2 definitions:-

4 "Drain cleaner," a person who himself does any work in drain cleaning as certified under
5 section 3C.

6 “Drain cleaning,” the removing of stoppages or obstructions in a plumbing drainage
7 system

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 142 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 3B the
9 following new section:-

10 Section 3C. No drain cleaner shall engage in the practice of drain cleaning without
11 completing the necessary education requirements and is certified by the board. A drain cleaner

12 must demonstrate that he or she has completed at least 100 hours of drain cleaning work under
13 the supervision of an existing drain cleaning business incorporated with the state prior to January
14 1, 2021 or a licensed plumber. Drain cleaners shall limit their drain cleaning work to pipes
15 connected to fixtures inside a structure, which shall include, but not be limited to sinks, bathtubs,
16 toilets, cleanouts with a removable plug or cap, and removable fixture traps. Drain cleaners shall
17 not install, destroy or cut any pipes. The fee for certification shall not be more than fifty dollars
18 every two years to be paid at the time of certification renewal.