

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2728**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Gerard J. Cassidy***

*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 ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>

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By Representative Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2728) of Gerard J. Cassidy and Mathew J. Muratore relative to the assessment of the value of property for tax purposes. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2841 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property.

*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 2A of Chapter 59 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following  
2 subsection:

3           (d) Whenever a Massachusetts Assessor deems it reasonably necessary to enter upon a  
4 property to collect physical and functional data pertinent to its proper determination of fair cash  
5 value for the fiscal year tax roll, and in accordance with the Department of Revenue’s  
6 requirements as well as the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices nationally  
7 recognized techniques of appraising property; the assessor or his authorized agents or employees  
8 may, after reasonable notice, enter upon said property, lands, waters and premises, not including  
9 buildings, in the commonwealth, and such entry shall not be deemed a trespass. Nothing in this

- 10 section shall relieve an assessor of liability for damage caused by entry to said property, by
- 11 himself or his agents or employees.