

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3041**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

*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 require property owners to bear the cost of relocation assistance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3041) of Nick Collins, Daniel J. Ryan and Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to require property owners to pay the costs of relocation assistance for tenants ordered to vacate due to violations of the sanitary code. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1241 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to require property owners to bear the cost of relocation assistance.

*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 13 of chapter 79A of the General Laws, as so appearing in the  
2 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following paragraph:-

4           All costs incurred by any public agency in the provision of relocation assistance and  
5 relocation payments authorized by this section shall be paid by the owner of the real property to  
6 the public agency upon presentation to the owner by the public agency of a statement of those  
7 relocation costs and of the date upon which the relocation costs are due and payable. A claim for  
8 the expense incurred by the public agency shall constitute a debt due the city or town upon the  
9 rendering of account thereof. In the event that the relocation costs to be paid the public agency

10 are not paid within 10 days after the date due, the unpaid balance shall constitute a lien on the  
11 parcel. The provisions of the second paragraph of section three A of chapter one hundred and  
12 thirty-nine relative to liens for such debt and the collection of the claims for such debt, shall  
13 apply to this debt, except that the board of health, or, in the cities of Boston, Worcester and  
14 Cambridge, the commissioner of housing inspection, shall act hereunder in place of the mayor  
15 and or board of selectmen.