

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3849**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Sheila C. Harrington*

*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 contractor liability for unpermitted construction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3849) of Sheila C. Harrington relative to contractor liability for unpermitted construction. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to contractor liability for unpermitted construction.

*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 94 of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3           (s) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to promulgate rules and  
4 regulations as part of the state building code mandating liability for contractors who perform  
5 work without a required permit, including but not limited to permits required by the state  
6 building code, a municipality, section 40 of chapter 131, chapter 91 or any other permits required  
7 by the General Laws. The rules and regulations shall include penalties for contractors who  
8 perform work without a required permit and shall mandate that contractors obtain permits  
9 personally or retain copies of permits provided by a homeowner for a reasonable time, to be  
10 provided to permitting authorities upon request.