

HOUSE No. 909

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David K. Muradian, Jr.

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 civil liability for protecting one’s home.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O’Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Muradian of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 909) of David K. Muradian, Jr. and others relative to the indemnification of certain persons from civil proceedings for injuries or deaths of persons unlawfully entering their dwelling. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1500 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to civil liability for protecting one’s home.

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 8A of chapter 278 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

3 If a person using this defense is found not guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction, said
4 person shall not be liable in civil proceedings for the injury or death of the person unlawfully in
5 said dwelling.