

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00099**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*James B. Eldridge*

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act protecting victims of unlicensed debt collections.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Gale D. Candaras</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 99) of Eldridge, Candaras and Ehrlich for legislation to protect victims of unlicensed debt collection activities [Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 132 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act protecting victims of unlicensed debt collections.

*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 28 of Chapter 93 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following:-

3 “Any person who engages in the business of debt collection without a license shall be  
4 liable in restitution to any person collected against, and all other persons similarly situated to  
5 such person who the court certifies are members of a class under section 9 of chapter 93A, for  
6 any money or property obtained as a result of such unlicensed debt collection activity in addition  
7 to any other damages allowed by law.”