

HOUSE No. 1756

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1756) of Bruce J. Ayers and others relative to holding property owners accountable for recurring municipal public nuisance complaints. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1077 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance.

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. This bill shall hold property owners that face multiple public nuisance
2 complaints accountable. After 10 police calls regarding complaints from or involving a specific
3 location over a period of 1 year, the property owner shall be responsible for the cost associated
4 with any additional police calls and other costs incurred by the police department and/or
5 municipality.

6 Section 2. Any funds collected from property owners based on this legislation shall go
7 back towards the municipality.

8 Section 3. Enforcement of this legislation is at the discretion of the Chief of Police or
9 other local authority of the city or town where the property is located.