

HOUSE No. 1116

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chynah Tyler

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 regarding municipal fines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1116) of Chynah Tyler and others relative to municipal fines. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act regarding municipal fines.

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 1 of chapter 40U of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “unpaid charge” and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:-

4 “Unpaid charge,” an unpaid fine incurred as a result of a violation of a rule, code,
5 regulation, order, ordinance or by-law regulating the housing, sanitary, building, zoning and
6 environmental, or municipal snow and ice removal requirements.

7 SECTION 2. Said chapter 40U, as so appearing, is hereby amended by deleting section 8
8 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

9 Section 8. Every officer and inspector who takes notice of a violation of a rule, code,
10 regulation, order, ordinance or by-law regulating the housing, sanitary, building, zoning and
11 environmental, or snow and ice removal requirements shall provide the offender with a notice
12 forthwith, which shall be in tag form, to appear before the municipal hearing officer or the

13 hearings officer's designee during regular office hours, not later than 21 days after the date of
14 such violation. All tags shall be prepared in triplicate or by the use of an automated ticketing
15 device and shall be pre-numbered.

16 SECTION 3. Section 11 of said chapter 40U, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
17 deleting that part of the second sentence after the word "housing" and inserting the following:-

18 , building, zoning and environmental, sanitary or municipal snow and ice removal
19 requirements, excluding late fees.

20 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.