

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1390**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David F. DeCoste*

*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 reimburse the prevailing party plaintiffs in ten taxpayer actions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*David F. DeCoste*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*5th Plymouth*

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1390) of David F. DeCoste for legislation to authorize taxable inhabitants to recover certain litigation expenses. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3495 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act to reimburse the prevailing party plaintiffs in ten taxpayer actions.

*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 53 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- If said taxable inhabitants prevail, said
- 3 taxable inhabitants shall be entitled to recover reasonable litigation expenses, including
- 4 reasonable attorneys’ fees, and other costs from the town, regional school district, or district.