

HOUSE No. 233

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Aaron Michlewitz

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 improve fairness and uniformity in real estate transactions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Aaron Michlewitz

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Suffolk

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By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 233) of Aaron Michlewitz relative to uniformity in real estate transactions. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to improve fairness and uniformity in real estate transactions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 184 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

2 SECTION 8B. UNIFORM REPORTING OF SQUARE FOOTAGE IN RESIDENTIAL
3 REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

4 For any sale or transaction of residential or commercial real estate in the commonwealth,
5 the gross square footage of the residential unit or units involved in the transaction shall be
6 calculated according to the following rubric: the gross square footage of any relevant building or
7 structure shall include the sum total of the floor areas for all floor levels, basements and sub-
8 basements, measured from the inside walls, irrespective of the existence of interior fire resistive
9 walls, floors, and ceilings.