

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4352

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 12, 2024.

The committee on The Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1559) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4352) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL S. DAY.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act require the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages.

*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. Chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:-

3           Section 25A. Any party who obtains a judgment for money damages under the procedure  
4 shall, within 60 days after full satisfaction of such judgment, file a notice of satisfaction of  
5 judgment with the court that issued the judgment. Any party who fails to do so may be liable to  
6 the judgment debtor for any costs and attorneys’ fees awarded on motion in the court's discretion  
7 that were reasonably incurred in proving that the judgment was satisfied in full. This section  
8 shall not apply to a judgment that has been satisfied by levy of execution.

9           SECTION 2. Chapter 235 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
10 inserting after section 13 the following section:-

11           Section 13A. Any party who obtains a judgment for money damages shall, within 60 days  
12 after full satisfaction of such judgment, file a notice of satisfaction of judgment with the court  
13 that issued the judgment. Any party who fails to do so may be liable to the judgment debtor for

14 any costs and attorneys' fees awarded on motion in the court's discretion that were reasonably  
15 incurred in proving that the judgment was satisfied in full. This section shall not apply to a  
16 judgment that has been satisfied by levy of execution.

17 SECTION 3. Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
18 inserting after section 3 the following section:-

19 Section 3A. Any party who obtains a judgment under this chapter that includes money  
20 damages for rent shall, within 60 days after full satisfaction of such judgment, file a notice of  
21 satisfaction of judgment with the court that issued the judgment. Any party who fails to do so  
22 may be liable to the judgment debtor for any costs and attorneys' fees awarded on motion in the  
23 court's discretion that were reasonably incurred in proving that the judgment was satisfied in full.  
24 This section shall not apply to a money judgment that has been satisfied by levy of execution.