

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4558**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 18, 2014.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to streamlining home improvement contractor registration (House, No. 3871), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4558).

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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An Act relative to streamlining home improvement contractor registration.

*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 9 of chapter 142A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following subsection:-

3 (d) Each applicant for registration as a home improvement contractor or subcontractor  
4 shall submit a completed copy of an application form supplied by the director and necessary  
5 supporting documents to the director, along with such fees as required by section 11; provided  
6 that applicants shall be given the option to pay any registration fee or guarantee fund fee using a  
7 major credit card.

8 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 11 of said chapter 142A is hereby amended by  
9 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

10 Every contractor or subcontractor as defined in this chapter shall pay a registration fee in  
11 an amount equal to the sum of (i) the fee paid by construction supervisors pursuant to section  
12 ninety-four of chapter one hundred and forty-three and (ii) an amount necessary to recover the  
13 aggregate cost to the commonwealth associated with the use of credit cards to pay fees charged  
14 pursuant to this chapter. The registration fee required under this paragraph shall be payable upon  
15 application for registration and renewal.

16 SECTION 3. Section 14 of said chapter 142A is hereby amended by striking out, in line  
17 37, the words “telecommunications and energy” and inserting in place thereof the following  
18 words:-

19 public utilities

20 SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2015.