

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 877**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kevin J. Kuros***

*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 relative to historical preservation organizations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Kevin J. Kuros*

*8th Worcester*

*Paul K. Frost*

*7th Worcester*

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By Mr. Kuros of Uxbridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 877) of Kevin J. Kuros and Paul K. Frost relative to the liability of historical preservation organization employees. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3253 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to historical preservation organizations.

*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 231 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 85AA, as  
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, the following section :-

3 Section 85BB. (a) For purposes of this section, the term “historical preservation  
4 organization” shall mean a nonprofit corporation, trust or association located in the  
5 commonwealth that is operated primarily for historical preservation purposes and owns or cares  
6 for real property of historical significance exhibited to the public.

7 (b) A historical preservation organization, or any trustee, employee or other agent  
8 thereof, shall not be liable in any suit for damages suffered by any guest, customer, licensee,  
9 invitee, employee or other person for any act or omission relative to the control or operation of

- 10 any real property of historical significance being exhibited to the public, unless such act or
- 11 omission constitutes willful, wanton or reckless conduct.