

SENATE No. 129

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 the guaranty fund for home improvement contractors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia S. Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 129) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to the guaranty fund for home improvement contractors. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 87 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to the guaranty fund for home improvement contractors.

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 1 of Chapter 142A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 6-10 inclusive and inserting in place
3 thereof the following -

4 “Claimant” an owner and resident of a residential building, containing at least one but not
5 more than four dwelling units, who has entered into a construction contract with a contractor to
6 carry out construction work on said building, or, an owner and resident of a single condominium
7 unit in a residential building, who has entered into a construction contract with a contractor to
8 carry out construction work on an area of said building under that owner's exclusive control, and
9 who is making a claim against said contractor for failure of performance under said contract.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall be effective retroactively to January 1, 2010 for any
11 condominium owner and resident who was not previously qualified to apply for relief from the
12 Guaranty Fund for Home Improvement Contractors. Any claim which would otherwise be
13 foreclosed under the provisions of section 7 of this chapter shall be considered timely filed with
14 regard to said section 7 if filed by an owner and resident of a single condominium unit in a
15 residential building within six months of the enactment of this act.