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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**William Lantigua**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to rental and tenant selection.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| William Lantigua | 16th Essex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to rental and tenant selection.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44 of Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “who need not be residents a of the city or town, but shall be residents of the commonwealth” and inserting in place thereof the following:- who shall be residents of the commonwealth for a period of 2 years prior to the date of application, and who shall furnish satisfactory proof of such residency.