

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cleon H. Turner

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 making display of an invalid workers compensation certificate a criminal offense.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cleon H. Turner

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Barnstable

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT MAKING DISPLAY OF AN INVALID WORKERS COMPENSATION CERTIFICATE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

*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. Any employer required to maintain worker's compensation insurance under chapter
2 152 of the General Laws who falsely asserts to an employee, customer or government official that the
3 employer has an active workers' compensation insurance policy or who presents, displays or shows a
4 certificate of workers' compensation insurance or certificate of self insurance when such certificate is
5 invalid or has been cancelled, revoked, or otherwise terminated shall be punished by a fine of not less
6 than one thousand dollars or imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than two and
7 one half years or both and shall be personally liable for any loss or damages to anyone who has relied on
8 such false assertion or invalid certificate.