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**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 regarding discovery in summary process actions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cleon H. Turner

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Barnstable

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT REGARDING DISCOVERY IN SUMMARY PROCESS ACTIONS.

*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. Notwithstanding any law or special law to the contrary Chapter 239 of the General
- 2           Laws shall be amended by adding a new section at the end thereof:
- 3           Section 2B.     No summary process action shall be continued or extended from the original court date
- 4           upon filing of requests for discovery pursuant to the Uniform Summary Process Rules unless the tenant
- 5           files has answered the complaint.