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By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, petition of Brian S. Dempsey for legislation relative to out of state collection agencies. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO OUT OF STATE COLLECTION AGENCIES.

*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 24 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the  
3 following paragraph:—

4 The commissioner of banks shall regulate that nothing in this  
5 section, shall be construed to prohibit a person, firm, corporation  
6 or association regulated as a collection agency in another state or  
7 residing therein from communicating with a debtor in the com-  
8 monwealth under the following conditions:—

- 9 (a) Agency must be licensed and bonded in home state;  
10 (b) Collection to be done by interstate means such as telephone,  
11 fax or mail;  
12 (c) Collections are on behalf of creditors outside the common-  
13 wealth;  
14 (d) Agency registers with the commissioner and furnishes proof  
15 of licensing and bonding.