

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1265

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (by request), petition of Louis L. Kafka relative to tenants engaging in serious or repeated lease violations. Housing.

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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 TENANTS ENGAGING IN SERIOUS OR REPEATED LEASE VIOLATIONS.

*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 19 of chapter 139 of the General Laws as  
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the word “housing”, in line 24, the following  
4 words:—

5 Or if a tenant or household member engages in conduct that  
6 constitutes either a serious violation of the lease or the tenant or  
7 household member repeatedly violates the terms and conditions of  
8 the lease.

1 SECTION 2. Section 20 of chapter 185C, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting, after the word “action”, in line 1, the  
3 following words:—

4 Except in the case of an action brought pursuant to section 19 of  
5 chapter 139.