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# SENATE . . . . . No. 748

By Mr. Havern, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 748) of Robert A. Durand, Jane M. Swift and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Richard E. Mastrangelo, senior vice president and general counsel, for legislation relative to the awarding of fees and other expenses to small businesses in judicial proceedings. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SMALL BUSINESSES REGARDING THE AWARDING OF FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

*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 14 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the  
3 end thereof the following paragraph: —

4 (8) The court may award to the prevailing party a judgment  
5 for costs incurred in appealing the decision of the agency, if the  
6 court finds that:

7 (a) the position of the commonwealth was not substantially  
8 justified; or,

9 (b) the agency acted in bad faith.

10 The court may not award costs under this section in an amount  
11 greater than required to reimburse the prevailing party for the  
12 costs incurred by said party with respect to the action.

SENATE . . . . . No. 128

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW IN RELATION TO THE  
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