

By Mr. Clancy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 378) of Edward J. Clancy, Jr., Bradford Hill and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish the home improvement contractor council. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR COUNCIL.

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 1 of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "one hundred" and
4 inserting in place thereof the following words:— one hundred and
5 one.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 143 of the General Laws, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following section:—
3 Section 101. There shall be an advisory board to be known as
4 the home improvement contractor council, to assist in and make
5 recommendations to the board relative to the registration of any
6 contractor or subcontractor who undertakes, agrees to undertake,
7 or agrees to perform residential contracting services. The council
8 shall consist of seven members: the chief of inspections of the
9 division of inspection of the department of public safety or his
10 designee; the fund administrator of the residential contractor's
11 guaranty fund established by chapter 142A; a representative of the
12 attorney general; a representative of a consumer group appointed
13 by the director of the office of consumer affairs and business reg-
14 ulation; and three members to be appointed by the governor, one
15 of whom shall be a representative of the Home Builders Associa-
16 tion of Massachusetts who is a registered home improvement con-
17 tractor or subcontractor, one of who shall be an owner and
18 principal resident of a one or two-family residence, and one of

19 who shall be a representative of the National Association of the
20 Remodeling Industry who is a registered home improvement con-
21 tractor or subcontractor. The governor shall from time to time des-
22 ignate one member as chairman. The council shall be convened
23 regularly by the chairman and shall establish its own rules for the
24 conduct of its business. The members of the council shall not be
25 compensated for their services, but they shall be reimbursed for
26 travel and other expenses necessary for the performance of their
27 duties. The board may provide technical and clerical assistance to
28 the council.