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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth I. Gordon*, (BY REQUEST)**

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:

An Act to provide security to occupants when owners change locks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Karen Cooper	

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By Mr. Gordon of Bedford (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1369) of Karen Cooper relative to criminalizing unauthorized entry of a dwelling by changing or tampering with locks. The Judiciary.

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An Act to provide security to occupants when owners change locks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 18A, the following section: -

Section 18B. Any person who attempts to enter a dwelling place without authority or permission of the resident or occupant (unless such permission is provided within a written lease agreement) by altering or changing any locking device upon any such building without an order of a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than $500 or by imprisonment in jail for not more than 2 years.