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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1134

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 authorizing limited rate of growth controls and to promote housing production.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1134) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to further regulate certain restrictions on housing development or building permits under zoning ordinances in cities and towns. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2121* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act authorizing limited rate of growth controls and to promote housing production.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, at the end thereof, the following new paragraph:-

No zoning ordinance or by-law adopted after January 1, 2014 shall regulate or restrict the rate of development or number of building permits or special permits or other forms of zoning or subdivision approval that may be issued by a municipality within a defined time period, unless the limitations placed on development are, in both their nature and extent, a reasonable response to specific tangible concerns identified in the zoning ordinance or by-law, and the zoning ordinance or by-law establishes a reasonable deadline for completing and implementing a strategic plan to address the specific identified concerns. No such rate of growth regulation or restriction or extension thereof shall be in place for longer than one year unless extended by a vote of a town meeting or a city council following receipt of a report and recommendation by the planning board based upon evidence substantiating the need for an extension of the temporary ordinance or by-law for one additional year.