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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Theodore C. Speliotis

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 creating smoke free elderly housing units in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Theodore C. Speliotis	*13th Essex*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 383) of Theodore C. Speliotis, Anne M. Gobi and Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to establish a policy for smoke-free elderly housing in the Commonwealth. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *1243* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act creating smoke free elderly housing units in the commonwealth.

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. The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development is hereby authorized and directed to establish a policy, in conjunction with local and regional housing authorities, to designate at least one residential building within said authorities' jurisdiction as a smoke-free building.

SECTION 2. Any housing authority having governance of one hundred or less units shall be required to make available not less than twenty percent of said units as smoke-free. These units ought to be either contiguous to each other or separated from the remainder of any existing structure if physically possible.

SECTION 3. Said policy shall consist of a phase-in period in which apartments, as they become vacant, shall be made available to non-smokers. Said policy shall contain language stating that current tenants or their guests that wish to smoke may not be evicted or forced to move against their wishes.