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SENATE . . . . . No. 924

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael Barrett

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 relative to the right to dry.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael Barrett	*Third Middlesex*

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SENATE . . . . . No. 924

By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 924) of Michael Barrett for legislation relative to the installation of clotheslines. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to the right to dry.

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. Chapter 184 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 36. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term “clothesline” shall include a rope, cord, wire or similar device on which clothing is hung to dry.

(b) Notwithstanding any general law or the terms of any contract, deed, covenant, restriction, rule, by-law, lease agreement, rental agreement to the contrary, a homeowner or tenant shall not be prohibited from the installation of a clothesline.

SECTION 2. Upon approval by the legislative body of a city or town, the following question shall be placed on the official ballot and submitted to the voters of said city or town at the next regular municipal or state election:

"Shall (the city or town) accept an act passed by the general court in the year 2013, entitled ‘A Act relative to the right to dry’ be accepted?”