

SENATE No. 1746

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen O'Connor Ives

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing training for boards and commissions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Ms. O'Connor Ives, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1746) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives and Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to provide training for boards and commissions. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act providing training for boards and commissions.

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

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2 and by the authority of the same, as follows:

3 SECTION 1. Chapter 17 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
4 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

5 7B. The department shall establish, conduct and maintain an annual program of education
6 and training for members of local boards of health; provided, however, that the department shall
7 consult with the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health in the development of said
8 program; provided, further, that the department may contract with the Massachusetts Association
9 of Boards of Health to provide such education and training. All education and training courses
10 shall be free of charge to board members and, to the extent practicable, be offered in various
11 locations throughout the commonwealth.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
13 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section fifteen the following new section:-

14 15A. The department of environmental protection shall establish, conduct and maintain
15 an annual program of education and training for members of local conservation commissions;
16 provided, however, that the department shall consult with the Massachusetts Association of
17 Conservation Commissions in the development of said program; provided, further, that the
18 department may contract with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions to
19 provide such education and training. All education and training courses shall be free of charge to
20 commission members and, to the extent practicable, be offered in various locations throughout
21 the commonwealth.

22 SECTION 3. Section 3 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
23 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new
24 subsection:-

25 (w) establish, conduct and maintain an annual program of education and training for
26 members of local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals; provided, however that the
27 department shall consult with the Massachusetts Federation of Planning and Appeals Boards
28 regarding in development of said program; provided, further, the department may contract with
29 the Massachusetts Citizen Planning Training Collaborative at the University of Massachusetts to
30 provide such education and training. All education and training courses shall be free of charge to
31 board members and, to the extent practicable, be offered in various locations throughout the
32 commonwealth.