

**SENATE . . . . . No. 620**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Scott P. Brown**

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*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 bill:

**An Act relative to the counting of certain residences as affordable housing**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Richard R. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00749 OF .]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COUNTING OF CERTAIN RESIDENCES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 15 of Chapter 19, of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following clause:- (k) to collect and maintain information of the number of group  
3 home units in each community and report such information, including the location of such group  
4 home units, to the department of housing and economic development on an annual basis. Such  
5 location shall be held by the department of housing and economic development subject to  
6 chapter 66A.

7           SECTION 2. Clause (b) of section 15 of chapter 19B of the General Laws is hereby  
8 amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:- The department of developmental  
9 services shall report the number of group home units in each city or town on an annual basis to  
10 the department of housing and economic development. The department of developmental  
11 services shall also report the location of such group homes to the department of housing and

12 economic development. Such location shall be held by the department of housing and economic  
13 development subject to chapter 66A.

14 SECTION 3. Section 20 of Chapter 40B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
15 inserting the following language at the end thereof:- “Group Homes”, all group home units with  
16 twelve or less residents of the department of mental health or the department of developmental  
17 services in each city or town as reported by said departments shall be reported annually to the  
18 department of housing and economic development and be eligible to be included toward the city  
19 or town’s affordable housing threshold.”