

HOUSE No. 3615

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act incorporating the Commonwealth's sustainable development principles into the policies of executive and quasi-public agencies..

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. As used in this section the following words shall have the following
2 meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

3 “Executive Agencies” shall include, without limitation, all agencies within the Executive
4 branch of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

5 “Independent Agencies,” shall include, without limitation: the Massachusetts Turnpike
6 Authority; the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; the Massachusetts Technology
7 Collaborative; the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; the Massachusetts Convention
8 Center Authority; the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency; the Massachusetts Health
9 and Educational Facilities Authority; the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency; the
10 Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund; the Massachusetts Port Authority, and the
11 Massachusetts School Building Authority.

12 “Sustainable Development Principles” shall mean the following principles adopted by the
13 Commonwealth of Massachusetts: concentrate development and mix uses; advance equity; make

14 efficient decisions; protect land and ecosystems; use natural resources wisely; expand housing
15 opportunities; provide transportation choice; increase job and business opportunities; promote
16 clean energy; and plan regionally.

17 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, the enabling statutes of
18 Executive Agencies and Independent Agencies are hereby amended to include the following
19 language:

20 In carrying out its duties, including establishing priorities for capital expenditures,
21 developing new funding programs, expanding geographic boundaries, or adopting program
22 regulations or guidelines, the agency shall take all feasible steps to conform with the
23 Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Principles.