

HOUSE No. 4014

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act establishing a cultural and entertainment district certification program..

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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 54 the following section:-

3 Section 54A. The Massachusetts cultural council shall establish and administer a cultural
4 and entertainment certification program. The program shall encourage the growth of
5 communities through the development of areas within a city or county for public and private uses
6 related to cultural and entertainment purposes. A city or county may create and designate a
7 cultural and entertainment district subject to certification by the council in consultation with
8 economic development department. A cultural and entertainment district is encouraged to
9 include a unique form of transportation within the district and recreation trails. A cultural and
10 entertainment district certification shall remain in effect for 10 years following the date of
11 certification. Two or more cities or counties may apply jointly for certification of a district that
12 extends across a common boundary. Through the adoption of rules and regulations the council
13 shall develop a certification application for use in the certification process. The provisions of
14 this section relating to the adoption of rules and regulations shall be construed narrowly.