

HOUSE No. 630

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 district subject to certification by the council in consultation
7 with economic development department. A cultural and entertainment district is encouraged to
8 include a unique form of transportation within the district and recreation trails. A cultural and
9 entertainment district t certification shall remain in effect for 10 years following the date of
10 certification. Two or more cities or counties may apply jointly for certification of a district that
11 extends across a common boundary. Through the adoption of rules and regulations the council
12 shall develop a certification application for use in the certification process. The provisions of
13 this section relating to the adoption of rules and regulations shall be construed narrowly.