

SENATE No. 620

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

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.”