

HOUSE No. 3841

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin J. Murphy

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring notice to abutters of building permits.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Kevin J. Murphy</i> | <i>18th Middlesex</i> | <i>9/1/2011</i> |

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By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kevin J. Murphy for legislation to require notice to abutters of building permits. Housing.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act requiring notice to abutters of building permits.

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

1 Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 54A, the following section:-

3 Section 54B. No building permit shall be issued for the construction of a building prior
4 to the notification of any abutter within 500 feet of the property line of the property subject to
5 any such application for permit; provided, that any such abutter shall be given 10 days notice
6 before the issuance of such permit. No city or town may act upon such permit until the applicant
7 has provided proof of such notice as required by such city or town.