

SENATE No. 1014

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 ensuring access to line-drying.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Benjamin B. Downing

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden

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By Mr. Downing, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1014) of Downing for legislation to ensure acces to line-drying [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act ensuring access to line-drying.

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 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 21E the following section:-

3 Section 21F.

4 (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

5 "Legal instrument", a municipal ordinance, bylaw or regulation; a rule, bylaw
6 or regulation of an association of property owners; a deed restriction, restrictive covenant,
7 contract or similar binding agreements.

8 "Solar clothes-drying device", a clothesline, drying rack or other equipment
9 used for solar drying of clothing.

10 (b) In a city or town which accepts this section, no legal instrument shall unreasonably
11 prohibit the installation or use of solar clothes-drying devices on residential property, except as
12 necessary to protect public health and safety.

13 (c) This section shall not apply to condominium common areas and facilities as defined in
14 section 1 of chapter 183a.