

SENATE No. 601

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Hedlund

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 relative to affordable housing built in historic districts..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Robert L. Hedlund

Michael R. Knapik

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By Mr. Hedlund, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 601) of Knapik and Hedlund for legislation relative to affordable housing built in historic districts [Joint Committee on Housing].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 772 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to affordable housing built in historic districts..

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 21 of chapter 40B of the Massachusetts General laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Applications to build low or moderate income housing in an historic district as defined in
4 MGL Chapter 40C must obtain a certificate of appropriateness as outlined in Section 6 of
5 Chapter 40C. The local historic commission shall hold its hearing concurrently with the local
6 zoning board and have its conditions included in the permit. None of the conditions may be
7 appealed to the housing appeals committee as an uneconomic condition. An application may not
8 be denied based upon its location within an historic district.