

HOUSE No. 133

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 providing for a study by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services relative to nonprofit group homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 133) of Thomas M. Stanley for legislation to authorize the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to conduct a feasibility study relative to establishing a fairness rule that would provide a more equitable distribution of nonprofit group homes throughout the Commonwealth. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 155 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act providing for a study by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services relative to nonprofit group homes.

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

1 Resolved, The executive office of health and human services is hereby authorized and
2 directed to conduct a study relative to the feasibility of establishing a fairness rule which would
3 provide for a more equitable distribution of nonprofit group homes throughout the
4 commonwealth. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the number and
5 location of such group homes currently in use, an analysis of the ratio of such existing group
6 homes to population for each municipality, and an analysis of the neighborhoods in which such
7 group homes currently in use are located in terms of economic factors. Such study shall consider
8 the feasibility of establishing a formula or guidelines to ensure an equitable distribution of such

9 group homes in municipalities based upon population and upon economic composition of the
10 neighborhood. Said department shall report to the general court the results of its study, and its
11 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the House of Representatives
12 on or before July 1, 2015.