

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3220**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas M. Stanley***

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*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 gateway communities.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2015</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2015</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3220) of Thomas M. Stanley, John J. Lawn, Jr., and Chris Walsh for legislation to further define the term “gateway municipality”. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to gateway communities.

*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 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter  
2 287 of the acts of 2014, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Gateway  
3 municipality” and inserting in the place thereof the following definition:-

4           “Gateway municipality”, a municipality that meets 3 of the following 4 criteria: (i) a  
5 population greater than 35,000 and less than 250,000, (ii) a median household income below the  
6 commonwealth's average, (iii) a rate of educational attainment of a bachelor's degree or above  
7 that is below the commonwealth's average, (iv) an increase over 2 consecutive years of over 25  
8 per cent enrollment of students who are English language learners in its public school system.