

**SENATE . . . . . No. 896**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 due process to prohibit the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from adopting environmental and developmental policies that would infringe or restrict private property rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Hal Shurtleff*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*12 March Ave. West Roxbury, MA 02132*

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By Mr. Rush (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 896) of Hal Shurtleff for legislation relative to due process to prohibit the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from adopting environmental and developmental policies that would infringe or restrict private property rights. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 790 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to due process to prohibit the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from adopting environmental and developmental policies that would infringe or restrict private property rights.

*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. For the purpose of this act the following words shall have the following  
2 meanings:-

3 "Political subdivisions", all state, county, incorporated city, unincorporated city, public  
4 local entity, public-private partnership, and any other public entity of the state, a county, or city.

5 SECTION 2. (a) The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all political subdivisions may  
6 not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or  
7 restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required by policy  
8 recommendations originating in, or traceable to "Agenda 21," adopted by the United Nations in

9 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development or any other international law or  
10 ancillary plan of action that contravenes the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution  
11 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

12 (b) Since the United Nations has accredited and enlisted numerous non-governmental and  
13 inter-governmental organizations to assist in the implementation of its policies relative to  
14 Agenda 21 green communities around the world, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all  
15 political subdivisions may not enter into any agreement, expend any sum of money, or receive  
16 funds contracting services, or giving financial aid to or from those non-governmental and inter-  
17 governmental organizations as defined in Agenda 21.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month following its  
19 passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.