

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2596**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 establishing a special commission on payment in lieu of taxes to municipalities in which group homes are located.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2596) of Colleen M. Garry for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study establishing a payment in lieu of taxes mechanism for municipalities in which group homes are located. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act establishing a special commission on payment in lieu of taxes to municipalities in which group homes are located.

*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. There shall be a special commission to make a study and investigation of  
2           establishing a payment in lieu of taxes mechanism for municipalities in which group  
3 homes are  
4           located. The commission shall be charged with evaluating options and the practices of  
5 other  
6           states, collecting data, and making policy recommendations that will be used to develop a  
7           statewide procedure to compensate municipalities for the properties and buildings  
8 occupied by  
9           group homes.

10 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of the secretary of administration and finance  
11 or his designee, the secretary of health and human services or his designee, the  
12 commissioner of  
13 the department of mental health or his designee, the commissioner of department of  
14 developmental services or his designee, the commissioner of the department of housing  
15 and  
16 community development or his designee, the commissioner of the department of revenue  
17 or his  
18 designee, the chairs of the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse, the  
19 chairs of  
20 the joint committee on revenue, the senate minority leader or his designee, the house  
21 minority  
22 leader or his designee, and the executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal  
23 Association or  
24 his designee.

25 SECTION 3. The commission shall report its findings, recommendations, and annual cost  
26 of its recommendations, as well as any proposed legislation, to the clerks of the senate  
27 and house

28           of representatives and to the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and  
29 means on or  
30           before December 31, 2017.