

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 661**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Carole A. Fiola***

*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 safe, decent and sanitary housing for recipients of the HomeBASE program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 661) of Carole A. Fiola and others relative to quality standards for the use of HomeBASE funds, so-called, under the Department of Housing and Community Development. Housing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act providing for safe, decent and sanitary housing for recipients of the HomeBASE program.

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

1           Item 7004-9316 of section 2 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016 is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following words:- ; provided, that for the safety of families utilizing HomeBASE  
3 funds provided for in this item for rental housing, an apartment or dwelling unit shall pass  
4 Department of Housing and Community Development inspection requirements or meet United  
5 States Department of Housing and Urban Development housing quality standards prior to  
6 occupancy and shall be inspected annually if any state funds are utilized for rental upon the  
7 anniversary of the commencement of the rental agreement; and provided, further that the local  
8 vendor for the HomeBASE funds where the dwelling is located and funds utilized shall be  
9 responsible for facilitating the inspection.