

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 691**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc T. Lombardo***

*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 affordable housing units.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 691) of Marc T. Lombardo and others relative to affordable housing units. Housing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1124 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to affordable housing units.

*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. Chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the section 20 the following section:-

3 Section 20A. The following words, wherever used in this chapter, shall, unless a different  
4 meaning clearly appears from the context, have the following meaning:

5 “Affordable Housing Unit”, any unit assessed at a value affordable to a household  
6 earning less than 80% of the area median income. If such unit meets this criterion for a five  
7 consecutive years, it shall count toward the town's ten percent of housing unit threshold  
8 established pursuant to the definition of “consistent with local needs,” under section 20 of this  
9 chapter.

10           The Department of Housing and Community Development, as established in section 1 of  
11 chapter 23B, shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of this section.