

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 694**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Shaunna L. O'Connell and Geoff Diehl***

*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 securing public housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Representatives O'Connell of Taunton and Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 694) of Shaunna L. O'Connell, Geoff Diehl and others relative to the public housing application process. Housing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3431 OF 2015-2016.]

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

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

1 Chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 31. All applicants and household members over the age of 18 shall provide a  
3 social security number upon application for public housing. All legal non-resident applicants and  
4 household members shall provide an alien registration number; provided that immigration status  
5 and alien registration number of all non-citizens applicants and household members shall be  
6 checked through the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service. No applicants shall be  
7 given temporary placeholder social security numbers, unless under lawfully protected status.

8           The alien registration number and immigration status of non-citizen applicants and  
9 household members shall be checked through the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service  
10 and re-verified upon expiration of their alien registration documents.

11           All applicants and household members 14 years of age and older shall have their criminal  
12 offender record information checked prior to admission to housing; provided that all applicants  
13 shall provide a social security number for this purpose. Applicants who do not provide a social  
14 security number shall not be eligible for housing. Housing authorities shall have full access to  
15 criminal offender record information.