

SENATE No. 740

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 commission to study the feasibility of increasing adult disabled housing stock.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/25/2017</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/25/2017</i> |
| <i>John F. Keenan</i> | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Thomas J. Calter</i> | <i>12th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>James M. Murphy</i> | <i>4th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>James M. Cantwell</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 740) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Richard J. Ross, David F. DeCoste, John F. Keenan and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a commission to study the feasibility of increasing adult disabled housing stock. Housing.

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

An Act establishing a commission to study the feasibility of increasing adult disabled housing stock.

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

1 Notwithstanding any special or general law there shall be a special commission to study
2 the stock and availability of adult disabled housing in the Commonwealth, as well as best
3 practices and costs to construct additional disabled housing in municipalities across the
4 Commonwealth.

5 The special commission shall consist of: the secretary of housing and economic
6 development, or their designee; the undersecretary of the department of housing and community
7 development, or their designee; a representative of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership; the
8 commissioner of the department of developmental services, or their designee; two members of
9 the House of Representatives, one of whom to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives, and the other to be appointed by the minority leader; two members of the
11 Senate, one of whom to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and the other to be

12 appointed by the minority leader; provided, however, that the first meeting of the commission
13 shall take place not later than December 1, 2017.

14 The special commission shall submit its recommendations, together with drafts of any
15 legislation, to the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the chairs of the joint
16 committee on mental health and substance abuse not later than July 1, 2018.