

HOUSE No. 1270

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 promoting workforce housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1270) of Shawn Dooley, Michael J. Soter and Mathew J. Muratore for legislation to authorize cities or towns to include workforce housing in housing production plans. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3010 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act promoting workforce 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 SECTION 1. Section 20 of chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “affected”, in line 25, the
3 following words:- , the need for workforce housing,.

4 SECTION 2. Section 21 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 inserting after the word “housing”, in line 2 , the following words:- or workforce housing.

6 SECTION 3. Said chapter 40B is hereby amended by inserting after section 21 the
7 following section:-

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9 Section 21A. (a) For the purposes of this chapter, “workforce housing” shall be defined
10 as subsidized housing with a household income eligibility not to exceed 150% of the median
11 household income for affordable housing eligibility, adjusted by household size, that may be
12 counted towards a city or town’s subsidized housing inventory as provided herein; provided, that
13 the workforce housing development shall be subject to all other requirements and restrictions for
14 eligibility for inclusion in the subsidized housing inventory.

15 (b) A city or town may include workforce housing in their housing production plan.
16 Workforce housing shall not account for more than 25 per cent of a city or town’s subsidized
17 housing inventory as determined by the department of housing and economic development.
18 Homes in a workforce housing development may count toward a city or town’s subsidized
19 housing inventory at a rate of .5 units per workforce housing home.