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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

## Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 an affordable housing qualification commission.

### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	1/17/2019
Bradford Hill	4th Essex	1/23/2019
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	1/17/2019
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	1/17/2019
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester	1/30/2019
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden	1/31/2019
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable	1/28/2019
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	1/30/2019
Michael J. Soter	8th Worcester	1/31/2019
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	1/31/2019
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	2/1/2019

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1292) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to low and moderate income housing qualifications and recertification. Housing.

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

An Act establishing an affordable housing qualification commission.

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 general or special law to the contrary there is hereby established a
2	special commission and study on low and moderate income housing qualifications and
3	recertification, which shall investigate and document the levels and impacts of recertification
4	management and practices within local housing authorities, and develop a strategy and
5	recommendations to reduce, minimize or eliminate recertification fraud. The commission shall
6	review the policies that underlay existing publicly financed and funded housing development
7	programs and practices of low income and moderate income housing recertification in the
8	commonwealth. The commission shall consist of the secretary of housing and economic
9	development or a designee, 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of
10	the house of representatives; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate president; 1
11	member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of
12	representatives; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate minority leader; 2 members

13 appointed by the governor; 1 of whom shall be a commissioner of a local housing authority and 1 14 of whom shall be an individual with expertise in low income and moderate income housing. The executive office of housing and economic development and its subdivisions shall provide 15 technical support to the commission. The commission shall file its report, together with 16 17 recommendations for charges to improve recertification management with clerks of the house 18 and senate, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on housing and the joint chairs, and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on municipalities and regional 19 20 government.