

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4944**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John Barrett, III***

*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 providing for the expungement of racially restrictive covenants in recorded real property documents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>7/16/2020</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>7/20/2020</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>7/21/2020</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/21/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/21/2020</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/22/2020</i>

<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>7/24/2020</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III and others relative to the expungement of racially restrictive covenants in recorded real property documents. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act providing for the expungement of racially restrictive covenants in recorded real property documents.

*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 23B of chapter 184 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Upon petition to the land court department of the trial court, a person holding an interest  
4 in real property or a party in interest affected by a void provision in this section, may request the  
5 land court to expunge a provision made void by this section. The land court may order the  
6 removal of such language by order, to either the recorder of the land court department or an  
7 assistant recorder of the land court, to strike the void provision from the appropriate record or  
8 instrument.