

HOUSE No. 5127

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 19, 2020.

The committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1756) of Bruce J. Ayers and others relative to holding property owners accountable for recurring municipal public nuisance complaints; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1765) of Peter Capano and Brendan P. Crighton relative to zoning restrictions for land or structures for religious or educational purposes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1766) of Peter Capano relative to zoning restrictions for land or structures for religious or educational purposes in municipalities with fewer than two-and-a-half square miles in size; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1767) of Peter Capano and others relative to municipal authority regarding foreclosures; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1770) of Mike Connolly and others relative to promoting the adoption of renewable energy for heating, cooling and hot water under the zoning law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1772) of Mark J. Cusack relative to recreational facilities and zoning; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1780) of Carolyn C. Dykema and Ronald Remillard relative to the use of white gloves by municipal police officers while directing traffic; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1783) of Dylan A. Fernandes and

Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Oaks Bluff be authorized to further regulate the rental of mopeds and motor scooters in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1784) of Paul K. Frost and Timothy R. Whelan relative to methadone clinic zoning; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1785) of William C. Galvin and others relative to the establishment of grant programs to enhance regional services through county governments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1786) of Paul Amatangel and Michelle M. DuBois relative to the issuance of municipal water bills; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1791) of Carlos González and others relative to exemptions from zoning regulations for certain clinical or educational programs in low income neighborhoods under the Dover amendment, so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1796) of Bradford Hill and Michael J. Soter for legislation to grant cities or towns the right of first refusal on foreclosed residential property; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1797) of Kevin G. Honan, Joseph A. Boncore and others for legislation to amend the zoning law to promote smart growth multifamily housing production; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1800) of Kevin G. Honan and David F. DeCoste relative to the term of special permits under the zoning laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1801) of Kevin G. Honan relative to subdivision dead end ways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1803) of Kevin G. Honan and Michelle M. DuBois relative to municipal planning board regulations governing the reconstruction of certain local roadways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1804) of Steven S. Howitt and Angelo L. D'Emilia relative to establishing a special commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1805) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to authorize municipalities to enforce snow removal penalties for sidewalks abutting privately-owned property near certain state roadways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1806) of Hannah Kane, James Arciero and others for legislation to require that fiscal notes be attached to legislation providing unfunded mandates on municipal governments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1810) of Christina A. Minicucci, Linda Dean Campbell and Mindy Domb relative to home construction near certain high pressure gas pipelines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1812) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to zoning restrictions for solar systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1814) of David M. Nangle and David F. DeCoste relative to changes to publication of zoning ordinance by-laws; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 1815) of Rosemarie Hollandsworth, José F. Tosado and Bud L. Williams relative to the protection of animals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1816) of Rosemarie Hollandsworth relative to the protection of impounded animals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1817) of Norman J. Orrall and others relative to municipal costs associated with delivering drinking water to consumers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1824) of Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to allow simple majority voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1825) of Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in land use determinations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1830) of David T. Vieira that petitions by cities and towns filed with the General Court pursuant to home rule amendment do not expire; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1836) of Thomas P. Walsh for legislation to authorize cities and towns to establish ridgeline and hillside protection district review boards; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3669) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish a Martha's Vineyard housing bank; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3903) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Winchendon; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4247) of John Barrett, III relative to the maintenance of partition fences, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5127) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JAMES J. O'DAY.

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be authorized
2 to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House
3 documents numbered 1756, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1770, 1772, 1780, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1791,
4 1796, 1797, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1810, 1812, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1824,
5 1825, 1830, 1836, 3669, 3903 and 4247, relative to miscellaneous municipalities topics.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2020.