

SENATE No. 204

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 industrial mill building revitalization task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>5/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 204) of Anne M. Gobi, Carole A. Fiola, Brian M. Ashe, James B. Eldridge and others for legislation to establish an industrial mill building revitalization task force. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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

An Act establishing an industrial mill building revitalization task force.

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. (a) There shall be an industrial mill building revitalization task force to
2 stimulate the re-development, rehabilitation and revitalization of industrial mill buildings and
3 surrounding areas in the commonwealth. The task force shall: (i) review current laws and
4 regulations beneficial the revitalization of mill buildings and surrounding areas, including, but
5 not limited to, federal and state tax incentives and renewable energy production; (ii) create a list
6 of existing mill buildings, their locations, whether they are active or inactive and current uses, if
7 applicable, in the commonwealth; (iii) investigate potential new uses for mill buildings based on
8 market conditions that increase economic development; (iv) identify strategies to improve mill
9 building energy efficiency and prevent further structural and environmental degradation; (v)
10 explore innovative permitting processes, zoning regulations and building codes to encourage
11 redevelopment; and (vi) consider any other action in furtherance of its purpose.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the secretary of housing and economic development, or
13 a designee, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, or a
14 designee; the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging
15 technologies, or their designees; the director of Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, or
16 a designee; 2 members of the house of representatives who represent communities with mill
17 buildings, designated by the speaker of the house of representatives; 2 members of the senate
18 who represent communities with mill buildings, designated by the senate president; the director
19 of the Massachusetts clean energy center, or a designee; 2 residents of the commonwealth who
20 own mill buildings, 1 active and 1 inactive, designated by the chair; 1 representative of a
21 Massachusetts utility company, designated by the chair; 1 representative from an economic
22 development organization, designated by the chair; 3 representatives of Massachusetts planning
23 organizations, 1 of whom shall be from the western region of the state, 1 of whom shall be from
24 the central region of the state and 1 of whom shall be from the eastern region of the state,
25 designated by the chair.

26 (c) The task force shall submit its report and recommendations, together with drafts of
27 legislation to carry its recommendations into effect, to the chairs of the joint committee on
28 economic development and emerging technologies and the clerks of the house of representatives
29 and the senate not later than August 1, 2020.