

SENATE No. 776

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph A. Boncore

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 commissioning a study to increase regional housing production.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 776) of Joseph A. Boncore and Kevin G. Honan for legislation to commission a study to increase regional housing production. Housing.

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

An Act commissioning a study to increase regional housing production.

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. There shall be established, under the Department of Housing and
2 Community Development, a commission to research and establish regional housing production
3 goals to meet a statewide housing need of no less than 430,000 new housing units by the year
4 2030.

5 The department shall work with; regional housing non-profit organizations,
6 municipalities, municipal planning organizations, regional housing authorities, regional
7 transportation authorities, the Department of Transportation, municipal transportation authorities,
8 and local private or public institutions of higher education to identify and set housing production
9 regions and to report within one year to the legislature on recommendations that: (i) identify
10 regional housing production needs; (ii) set regional housing productions goals; (iii) devise
11 funding mechanisms for housing production projects; (iv) outline tax, subsidy, or other
12 incentives for municipalities or regions to meet said goals; (v) improve the permitting process for

- 13 such housing production projects; (v) outline optimal residential development zoning codes for
- 14 housing production; and (v) better set housing affordability standards.