

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1427**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Marc T. Lombardo***

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*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 relative to affordable housing units.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1427) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to affordable housing units. Housing.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to affordable housing units.

*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. Chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the section 20 the following section:-

3           Section 20A. The following words, wherever used in this chapter, shall, unless a different  
4 meaning clearly appears from the context, have the following meaning:

5           “Affordable Housing Unit”, any unit assessed at a value affordable to a household  
6 earning less than 80% of the area median income. If such unit meets this criterion for a five  
7 consecutive years, it shall count toward the town's ten percent of housing unit threshold  
8 established pursuant to the definition of “consistent with local needs,” under section 20 of this  
9 chapter.

10           The Department of Housing and Community Development, as established in section 1 of  
11 chapter 23B, shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of this section.