

SENATE No. 1729

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 relative to regional planning agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>4/23/2021</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1729) of Anne M. Gobi, Kimberly N. Ferguson, Mathew J. Muratore, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to regional planning agencies. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to regional planning agencies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The General Laws are hereby amended in Chapter 40B by inserting after Section 30 the
2 following section:-

3 SECTION 31. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following
4 meanings:-

5 “Agency”, shall mean the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, the Central
6 Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments,
7 the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission,
8 the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments, the Old Colony Planning Council, the Pioneer
9 Valley Planning Commission and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic
10 Development District.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an agency that is a
12 member of the state retirement system pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be

13 deemed to be or shall continue to be a member of the state retirement system. An agency shall
14 not be required to annually reimburse the state board of retirement for its pro rata share of any
15 retirement allowance or pension paid by said board during the preceding calendar year which is
16 based on whole or in part on service with such district provided that each agency contributes the
17 required accumulated deductions and interest to the annuity savings accounts of the agency. An
18 agency shall not be held liable for any past due contributions.