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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 providing training for boards and commissions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Diana DiZoglio	*First Essex*

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2042) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation to provide training for boards and commissions. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1835* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing training for boards and commissions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 17 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

7B. The department shall establish, conduct and maintain an annual program of education and training for members of local boards of health; provided, however, that the department shall consult with the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health in the development of said program; provided, further, that the department may contract with the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health to provide such education and training. All education and training courses shall be free of charge to board members and, to the extent practicable, be offered in various locations throughout the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section fifteen the following new section:-

15A. The department of environmental protection shall establish, conduct and maintain an annual program of education and training for members of local conservation commissions; provided, however, that the department shall consult with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions in the development of said program; provided, further, that the department may contract with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions to provide such education and training. All education and training courses shall be free of charge to commission members and, to the extent practicable, be offered in various locations throughout the Commonwealth.

SECTION 3. Section 3 of Chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:-

(w) establish, conduct and maintain an annual program of education and training for members of local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals; provided, however that the department shall consult with the Massachusetts Federation of Planning and Appeals Boards regarding in development of said program; provided, further, the department may contract with the Massachusetts Citizen Planning Training Collaborative at the University of Massachusetts to provide such education and training. All education and training courses shall be free of charge to board members and, to the extent practicable, be offered in various locations throughout the Commonwealth.