

**SENATE . . . . . No. 857**

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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:

*Joseph A. Boncore*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Suffolk and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 857) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to commission a study to increase regional housing production. Housing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 776 OF 2019-2020.]

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

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

- 11 incentives for municipalities or regions to meet said goals; (v) improve the permitting process for
- 12 such housing production projects; (v) outline optimal residential development zoning codes for
- 13 housing production; and (v) better set housing affordability standards.