

HOUSE No. 1344

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 establishing an affordable housing qualification commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/5/2023</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1344) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) on affordable housing qualification. Housing.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act establishing an affordable housing qualification commission.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby
2 established a special commission and study on low and moderate income housing qualifications
3 and recertification. The commission shall investigate and document the levels and impacts of
4 recertification management and practices within local housing authorities and develop a strategy
5 and recommendations to reduce, minimize or eliminate recertification fraud. The commission
6 shall review the policies that underlay existing publicly financed and funded housing
7 development programs and practices of low income and moderate income housing recertification
8 in the commonwealth. The commission shall consist of the secretary of housing and economic
9 development or a designee; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker
10 of the house of representatives; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate president; 1
11 member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of
12 representatives; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate minority leader; and 2 members
13 appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a commissioner of a local housing authority and 1

14 of whom shall be an individual with expertise in low income and moderate income housing. The
15 executive office of housing and economic development and its subdivisions shall provide
16 technical support to the commission. The commission shall file its report, together with
17 recommendations for changes to improve recertification management with the clerks of the house
18 and senate, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on housing, and the house and
19 senate chairs of the joint committee on municipalities and regional government not later than
20 December 31, 2024.