

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3776**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Christine P. Barber*

*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 granting the City of Medford the authority to require the adoption of institutional master plans subject to the review and approval by the municipality.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/29/2023</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/7/2023</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3776) of Christine P. Barber and Patricia D. Jehlen (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Medford be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities in said city. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4079 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act granting the City of Medford the authority to require the adoption of institutional master plans subject to the review and approval by the municipality.

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

1           Be it hereby resolved that the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact  
2 this Home Rule Petition to allow the City of Medford the authority to require the adoption of  
3 institutional master plans subject to the review and approval by the municipality provided, that  
4 the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within  
5 the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

6           Section 1. The purpose of this legislation is to promote and facilitate the coordinated and  
7 predictable development of larger-scale institutional facilities. The legislation permits the City  
8 to require the adoption of an institutional master plan, as described below in Section 2. An

9 institutional master plan is a land-use and development plan for all land owned or used by an  
10 institution within a community, that identifies growth and development over a number of years,  
11 or in several phases. The master plan provides a tool to assure the community that strategies and  
12 development impacts are addressed through the review and adoption of the plan, while providing  
13 predictable outcomes for any planned growth of the institution.

14 Section 2. Notwithstanding G. L. c. 40A, § 3 or other applicable law, the City of  
15 Medford is hereby authorized to adopt local legislation imposing institutional master plan review  
16 to regulate the use of land or structures for land owned, leased or otherwise occupied by  
17 hospitals, health care institutions, colleges, universities, and non-profit educational corporations.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.