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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 housing developments in small communities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*	*1/17/2023*
Ryan C. Fattman	*Worcester and Hampden*	*1/24/2024*

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By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1325) of Patricia A. Haddad relative to housing developments in communities with a population less than 30,000 persons. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1403* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to housing developments in small communities.

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

SECTION 21. Chapter 40B of the General Laws as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following:

"Any town consisting of less than 30,000 in population be exempt from all rules and restrictions currently applicable. Said communities shall not be compelled or forced in any way, shape or manner by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to accept legislation which mandates and accommodates any Chapter 40B or similar 40B-like housing projects unless the project receives approval of no less than a seventy percent favorable vote of the registered voters at a town election or general election of said community.

In addition, any 40B proposed projects in the Commonwealth involving towns or cities having less than 30,000 in population be held in ‘suspension or abeyance’ until such time as this proposed legislation can be decided by the State Legislature”.