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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1322

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan Williams Gifford

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 creating a commission to study the definition of affordable housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*1/17/2023*
Joseph D. McKenna	*18th Worcester*	*1/31/2023*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*4/5/2023*

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By Representative Gifford of Wareham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1322) of Susan Williams Gifford and Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the definition of affordable housing. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1399* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act creating a commission to study the definition of affordable housing.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a special commission to review the definition of low or moderate income housing, as currently defined in section 20 of chapter 40B of the General Laws. The commission shall, but not be limited to, evaluating the effects of including mobile homes and group homes, manufactured homes, in-law apartments and any first time home buyers participating in any state or federal assistance program in said definition.

(b) The commission shall consist of 8 members: 2 members of the senate, one to be appointed by the senate president and one to be appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the house of representatives, one to be appointed by the speaker and one to be appointed by the

minority leader; the secretary of housing and economic development, or a designee; the undersecretary of the department of housing and community development, or a designee; a representative from the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials; and a representative from MassHousing.

(c) The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any legislative recommendations, to the joint committee on housing and the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives no later than six months following passage of this act.