

SENATE No. 1319

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jacob R. Oliveira

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 regarding municipal zoning powers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> | <i>2/23/2023</i> |

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By Mr. Oliveira, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1319) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to municipal zoning powers and the installation of solar energy systems. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act regarding municipal zoning powers.

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 3 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the
2 following language:

3 "No zoning ordinance or by-law shall prohibit or unreasonably regulate the installation of
4 solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy,
5 except where necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare."