

HOUSE No. 1786

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 prohibiting level 3 sex offenders from residing together.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>10/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1786) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to prohibiting level 3 sex offenders from residing together. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1584 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act prohibiting level 3 sex offenders from residing together.

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

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 48 the following new section:

3 Section 48A. A sex offender who has been finally classified as a level 3 sex offender
4 shall be prohibited from renting, residing, or otherwise occupying a single-family dwelling or a
5 unit in a multi-family dwelling with another finally classified level 3 sex offender, regardless of
6 the permanent or temporary residential status of either sex offender, unless those persons are
7 legally related by consanguinity, affinity or adoption.

8 A sex offender who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000 or
9 imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years, or both such fine and

- 10 imprisonment. Written notification shall be made to the sex offender registry board of such
- 11 violation.