

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2296**

**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 amending the MBTA communities act to provide recategorization and alternative compliance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/21/2025</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>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
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<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>John R. Gaskey</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>9/9/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/13/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2296) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to provide recategorization and alternative compliance under the MBTA communities act, so-called. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act amending the MBTA communities act to provide recategorization and alternative compliance.

*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 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3           (d) An MBTA community designated as "adjacent" may submit a written petition to the  
4 executive office of housing and livable communities requesting a review of its designation. The  
5 petition shall include evidence demonstrating that the designation imposes undue burdens due to  
6 a lack of infrastructure or resources to support the requirements of this section. The executive  
7 office shall promulgate regulations to establish the criteria and procedures for reviewing such  
8 petitions and determining whether a community’s designation should be modified.