HOUSE . . . . . No. 4776

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 24, 2025.

The committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2246) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to holding property owners accountable for recurring municipal public nuisance complaints; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2249) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to certain construction projects occurring in municipalities within 1,500 feet of a border of another municipality; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2252) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Andres X. Vargas for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the distribution of general local aid, unrestricted general government aid and lottery aid to cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2263) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to public hearing notifications for variances from the terms of the certain zoning ordinances or by-laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2264) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to free parking for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2271) of Steven Merrill relative to municipal bylaws for prevention of damage from certain trees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2277) of Carlos González for legislation to authorize cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2287) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to authorize municipalities to enforce snow removal penalties for sidewalks abutting privately-owned property near certain state roadways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2293) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to requiring municipal spending reports on the use of opioid settlement funds; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2306) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a "Plan G" form of city government; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2307) of Jay D. Livingstone relative to authorizing local control of waste collection hours of operation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2318) of Tram T. Nguyen relative to providing for municipal meeting postponement due to

inclement weather; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2352) of Tommy Vitolo relative to parking permit fees charged by cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2358) of Andrew Macdonald and Joseph D. McKenna relative to permitting municipal expenditures for the maintenance of private roads; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4192) of Nicholas A. Boldyga (by vote of the town) relative to the election and composition of the conservation commission in the town of Southwick, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4776) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JACK PATRICK LEWIS.

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Ordered, That the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 2246, 2249, 2252, 2263, 2264, 2271, 2277, 2287, 2293, 2306, 2307, 2318, 2352, 2358 and 4192, relative to municipal powers and duties.

Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2026.