

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

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**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 providing for municipal flexibility in state housing mandates.

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>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>

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

An Act providing for municipal flexibility in state housing mandates.

*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 1. Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 18. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a municipality  
4 may petition the executive office of housing and livable communities for an exemption from  
5 compliance with a state-imposed housing mandate, including but not limited to section 3A of this  
6 chapter. The petition shall include evidence demonstrating that compliance would: (a) impose an  
7 undue financial or administrative burden; (b) exceed the municipality's capacity for housing,  
8 infrastructure, or services; or (c) conflict with existing local priorities or zoning regulations.

9 The department of housing and community development shall promulgate regulations for  
10 reviewing and approving such petitions, including timelines and criteria for exemptions.