

SENATE No. 1438

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kelly A. Dooner

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 granting a compliance extension for certain adjacent communities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kelly A. Dooner</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/28/2025</i>

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By Ms. Dooner, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1438) of Kelly A. Dooner and Steven S. Howitt for legislation to grant a compliance extension for certain MBTA adjacent communities. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act granting a compliance extension for certain adjacent communities.

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) Notwithstanding any general or special law, regulation, or policy to the contrary, any
4 municipality categorized as an “Adjacent Community” or an “Adjacent Small Town” without
5 direct access to Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority service shall have an additional 2
6 years from the effective date of this act to comply with the requirements of this section.