

SENATE No. 304

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 updating gateway municipalities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul W. Mark

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and
Hampshire*

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By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 304) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to update the definition of gateway municipalities. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 231 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act updating gateway municipalities.

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 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended in Section 3A by striking out-

2 "Gateway municipality", a municipality with a population greater than 35,000 and less

3 than 250,000, a median household income below the commonwealth's average and a rate of

4 educational attainment of a bachelor's degree or above that is below the commonwealth's

5 average.

6 and inserting the following-

7 "Gateway municipality", a municipality with a population greater than 35,000 and less

8 than 250,000, or two or more municipalities forming an inter-municipal agreement for this

9 purpose with a combined population greater than 35,000 and less than 250,000, a median

- 10 household income below the commonwealth's average and a rate of educational attainment of a
- 11 bachelor's degree or above that is below the commonwealth's average.