

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***William J. Driscoll***

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*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 relative to gateway municipalities.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*William J. Driscoll*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol*

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to 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, Section 3A is hereby amended by striking the definition of “gateway  
2 municipality” and replacing it with the following definition:

3 “gateway municipality”, a municipality that satisfies three of the following criteria: (1) a  
4 population of 35,000 or greater, but less than 250,000; (2) a median household income below the  
5 commonwealth’s average; (3) a rate of educational attainment of a bachelor’s degree or above  
6 that is below the commonwealth’s average; (4) a minority population of 40 per cent or higher,  
7 and; (5) 15 percent or more of households identify as speaking English less than “very well.” The  
8 secretary of economic development shall certify which municipalities qualify as a Gateway  
9 municipality after each decennial census or for an individual municipality upon request by the  
10 city council, selectboard, or other legislative body of a given municipality.”