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HOUSE No. 1125

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act incorporating the Commonwealth's sustainable development principles into the policies of executive and quasi-public agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
William N. Brownsberger	[District]
	29th Middlesex

HOUSE No. 1125

By Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1125) of William N. Brownsberger and Jonathan Hecht that executive and quasi-public agencies adhere to "sustainable development principles," so-called. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 3615 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act incorporating the Commonwealth's sustainable development principles into the policies of executive and quasi-public agencies.

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. As used in this section the following words shall have the following 2 meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- 3 "Executive Agencies" shall include, without limitation, all agencies within the Executive 4 branch of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 5 "Independent Agencies," shall include, without limitation: the Massachusetts Turnpike
- 6 Authority; the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; the Massachusetts Technology
- 7 Collaborative; the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; the Massachusetts Convention
- 8 Center Authority; the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency; the Massachusetts Health
- 9 and Educational Facilities Authority; the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency; the
- 10 Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund; the Massachusetts Port Authority, and the
- 11 Massachusetts School Building Authority.
- 12 "Sustainable Development Principles" shall mean the following principles adopted by the
- 13 Commonwealth of Massachusetts: concentrate development and mix uses; advance equity; make
- 14 efficient decisions; protect land and ecosystems; use natural resources wisely; expand housing

- 15 opportunities; provide transportation choice; increase job and business opportunities; promote
- 16 clean energy; and plan regionally.
- 17 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, the enabling statutes of
- 18 Executive Agencies and Independent Agencies are hereby amended to include the following
- 19 language:
- In carrying out its duties, including establishing priorities for capital expenditures,
- 21 developing new funding programs, expanding geographic boundaries, or adopting program
- 22 regulations or guidelines, the agency shall take all feasible steps to conform with the
- 23 Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Principles.