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HOUSE . . . . . No. 89

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Aaron Michlewitz

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 commercial area revitalization districts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Aaron Michlewitz	*3rd Suffolk*

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By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 89) of Aaron Michlewitz relative to commercial area revitalization districts. Community Development and Small Businesses.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to commercial area revitalization districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 1 of Chapter 40D of the General Laws is hereby amended in subsection (l) by striking out the following: -

"In any city or in a town subject to the provisions of clause (k) of subdivision (2) of section twelve,"

SECTION 2: Section 12 of Chapter 40D of the General Laws is hereby amended in clause (k) of subdivision (2) by striking out the following:

"and, in the case of a project including a commercial enterprise or incidental thereto for use by a governmental or nonprofit entity, the project is located in a predominantly commercial area for which a commercial area revitalization plan has been adopted by the governing body of the municipality and approved by the director of housing and community development and the project is consistent with the plan. The purposes of a commercial area revitalization plan shall be to prevent or arrest and reverse the decay of the area covered by the plan. The plan shall describe

13 the area and set forth the development or redevelopment, including public improvements,

14 proposed to carry out the purposes of the plan."

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16 SECTION 3: Section 12 of Chapter 40D of the General Laws is hereby further amended

17 in clause (k) of subdivision (2) by striking out the following:

18 "In exercising the power of approval granted by this clause, said director shall, among

19 other lawful and relevant considerations, seek to avoid and correct the deterioration of older

20 commercial centers which result from the movement of commercial enterprise to previously

21 noncommercial areas;".