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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Conroy and Carolyn C. Dykema

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 affordable housing for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas P. Conroy	*13th Middlesex*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
Richard T. Moore	*Worcester and Norfolk*
John J. Mahoney	*13th Worcester*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Dennis A. Rosa	*4th Worcester*

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By Representatives Conroy of Wayland and Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1104) of Thomas P. Conroy and others for legislation to grant preference to veterans in all state-aided housing projects in the Commonwealth. Housing.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to affordable housing for veterans.

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. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 121G the following chapter:-

CHAPTER 121H

PREFERENCES FOR VETERANS IN STATE-AIDED HOUSING

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a preference for veterans in all state-aided housing projects in the commonwealth. For the purposes of this act, state-aided housing projects shall mean, any program, project or fund administered pursuant to chapters 40B, 40Q through 40R, 40T, 40V, 121A through 121B, and 121D through 121G inclusive; provided further that this act shall apply to any person who is a veteran as defined in clause forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, or who meets all the requirements of said clause forty-third, except that instead of performing wartime service as so defined has performed not less than 90 days' active service in any of the campaigns or expeditions enumerated in section two of chapter 115A, or who is serving in the armed forces of the United States in an area designated by the President of the United States by executive order as a "combat zone" at any time during the period designated by the President by executive order as the period of combatant activities pursuant to section 62C of chapter 81.

Section 2. The department of housing and community development shall promulgate regulations for the implementation, administration and enforcement of this chapter.

19 SECTION 2. Subsection 4 of section 3 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing
20 in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentences:- provided
21 further, that the department shall promulgate guidelines to allow the following preference
22 categories for local selection preference: (i) current residents; (ii) municipal employees; (iii)
23 employees of local businesses; (iv) households with children attending the locality's schools; and
24 (v) veterans; provided further, that when determining the preference categories, the geographic
25 boundaries of the local resident preference area should not be smaller than municipal boundaries
26 and may exceed municipal boundaries for veterans.