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SENATE . . . . . No. 611

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 relative to expanding the eligibility of households for inclusion in a municipality's affordable housing inventory.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Marc R. Pacheco	*First Plymouth and Bristol*
Michael D. Brady	*9th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 611) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation to expand the eligibility of households for inclusion in a municipality's affordable housing inventory. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *615* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to expanding the eligibility of households for inclusion in a municipality's affordable housing inventory.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to [Emergency Preamble Text], therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public [Emergency Preamble Context].

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. For the purposes of this act, "manufactured home" shall mean a structure which is built in conformance to the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, is transportable in 1 or more sections, is 8 body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in length in traveling mode or is 320 or more square feet when erected on site, is designed to be used as a dwelling unit with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities and includes plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems therein.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the chief executive officer of a municipality may include 50 per cent of the total number of all resident households living in a manufactured home within such municipality as income eligible households solely for the purpose of counting units for certification of such municipality's affordable housing plan for submission to the department of housing and

13 economic development. The chief executive officer of a municipality shall submit such
14 additional households for inclusion in the municipality's affordable housing plan on a form
15 designated by the secretary of the department along with any documentation deemed necessary
16 by the secretary to establish that the total number of such manufactured homes within that
17 municipality is accurate.

18 The department shall include such households within a municipality's total number of
19 eligible units for certification, notwithstanding the actual income of such households, upon
20 satisfaction by the department that the number of reported manufactured homes within that
21 municipality is accurate.

22 SECTION 3. The secretary of the housing and community development shall adopt
23 regulations consistent with this act not later than 90 days after its effective date.

24 SECTION 4. Section 3 shall take effect upon its passage. The remainder of this act shall
25 take effect 90 days after the effective date of this act.