

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1103**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in land use determinations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1103) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to cities or towns establishing qualified consultants. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1847 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in land use determinations.

*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. Section 53G of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following paragraph:-

3 Such rules shall require that the city or town establish and update as necessary a list of  
4 approved outside consultants having the minimum qualifications in one or more fields in which  
5 the local permitting boards or commission reasonably expect to require outside consultants in  
6 reviewing applications. The list shall be certified by the city clerk or town clerk and shall  
7 contain not less than three outside consultants in each field. The applicant shall have the right to  
8 select the outside consultant(s) from the certified list and to request and receive a proposal from  
9 each consultant prior to making such selection. An applicant or petitioner shall not be charged  
10 with the travel costs of an outside consultant. Where a proposed project requires the review and

- 11 approval of more than one local board, commission, or official, the respective local boards,
- 12 commissions, and officials shall coordinate in their use of outside consultants in order to avoid
- 13 unnecessary duplication.