

HOUSE No. 1123

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Lawn, 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 provide additional protection to local housing authority residents and local housing authority property from entry by persons after forbidden as trespass.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1123) of John J. Lawn, Jr., Jeffrey N. Roy and Denise C. Garlick relative to local housing authority resident protection. Housing.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act to provide additional protection to local housing authority residents and local housing authority property from entry by persons after forbidden as trespass.

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 32 C of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end the following text:

3 Local housing authorities may prohibit access to public housing developments or remove
4 persons from public housing developments who have undertaken the herein stated conduct by
5 personally communicating to said person or persons by a police officer or other person in charge
6 thereof a request to leave the premises.

7 Whoever knowingly, regardless of his or her intent, enters or remains in or upon the
8 premises of a public housing development and defies an order not to enter or remain upon the
9 premises of the public housing development or subsidized housing development that was
10 personally communicated by a police officer or other person in charge thereof shall be subject to
11 the penalties as stated in M.G.L. Chapter 266, Section 120.

12 A person who is found committing such trespass may be arrested by a sheriff, deputy
13 sheriff, constable or police officer and kept in custody in a convenient place, not more than
14 twenty-four hours, Sunday excepted, until a complaint can be made against him for the offence,
15 and he be taken upon a warrant issued upon such complaint.