HOUSE No. 1126

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PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

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 regulate homeowners' associations.

PETITION OF:

NAME: DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

James J. O'Day 14th Worcester

FILED ON: 1/15/2015

No. 1126 HOUSE

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1126) of James J. O'Day relative to regulating homeowners' associations. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 3392 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to regulate homeowners' associations.

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. Chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
- 2 section 76 the following section:-
- 3 Section 76A. If a parcel of real property is developed pursuant to a subdivision plan
- approved by a city or town and has been omitted from any buildable lot size in such subdivision,
- pursuant to any zoning ordinance or by-law of the city or town, such real property shall be
- assessed, valued and classified at a value equal to an unimproved, unbuildable lot of real
- 7 property.
- 8 No collector of taxes, constable, sheriff or deputy sheriff, receiving a tax list and warrant
- from the assessors shall collect the taxes for such real property until such time as any parcel of
- 10 real property has been classified pursuant to this section.

- SECTION 2. Chapter 184 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-
- Section 36. No association of homeowners, either incorporated or unincorporated, shall
- 14 require any homeowner whose real property is contained within the geographical area of the
- 15 association's jurisdiction to be a member of such association.