

HOUSE No. 1139

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Theodore C. Speliotis

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 emergency hotel/motel housing requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Theodore C. Speliotis

13th Essex

Joan B. Lovely

Second Essex

HOUSE No. 1139

By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1139) of Theodore C. Speliotis and Joan B. Lovely relative to emergency hotel or motel housing requirements. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1159 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to emergency hotel/motel housing requirements.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or any rule or regulation to the
2 contrary Chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 30B the
3 following new section:

4 Section 30BB: Any participant in the Department of Housing and Community
5 Development’s emergency housing program shall be eligible for said program if such participant
6 constitutes a resident of the Commonwealth, as defined in section 1 of chapter 176J of the
7 General Laws, for not less than six months prior to the Department of Housing and Community
8 Development placing said participant in a hotel or motel for emergency housing purposes.

9 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law or any rule or regulation to the
10 contrary Chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 30BB
11 the following new section:

12 Section 30BB1/2: In the event that the unemployment rate of the Commonwealth, as
13 reported monthly by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, is less than or
14 equal to six percent, the Department of Housing and Community Development shall suspend its
15 placement of participants in hotels and motels pursuant to its emergency housing program;
16 provided, however, in the event that said unemployment rate exceeds six percent, said program
17 shall continue.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.