

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1159**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Theodore C. Speliotis*

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*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 bill:

An Act relative to emergency hotel/motel housing requirements.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Joan Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>

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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1159) of Theodore C. Speliotis and Joan Lovely relative to emergency hotel or motel housing requirements. Housing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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:

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

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

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

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

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