

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01258**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

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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 Resolve:

for an investigation by a special commission relative to the restructuring of the law relative to regional planning and low and moderate income housing.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James M. Cantwell*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Plymouth*

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By Mr. James M. Cantwell of Marshfield, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 01258) of James M. Cantwell for an investigation by a special commission relative to the restructuring of the law relative to regional planning and low and moderate income housing. Joint Committee on Housing.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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### **RESOLVE for an investigation by a special commission relative to the restructuring of the law relative to regional planning and low and moderate income housing**

Resolved,

1 Resolved, that a special commission, to consist of 7 members appointed by the governor, is  
2 hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to devising a  
3 comprehensive plan for the restructuring of chapter 40B of the General Laws to make it more  
4 responsive to the needs of the individual communities of the commonwealth. Said commission  
5 shall consist of 1 municipal official from a suburban community affected by chapter 40B, 1  
6 municipal official from an urban community, 1 representative from a non-profit housing  
7 organization engaged in producing 40B housing, 1 representative from the real estate and  
8 development community, 1 consultant to municipalities with recognized expertise on the adverse  
9 impact of 40B developments, 1 representative from a citizens community organization formed to  
10 protest a 40B project, and 1 member to be chosen at the discretion of the governor.

11 The commission shall conduct a review of current legislation, regulations and their application in  
12 order to devise a comprehensive plan for the restructuring of chapter 40B to make it more  
13 responsive to the needs of the individual communities of the commonwealth.

14 Said commission shall report to the General Court the results of its study and its  
15 recommendations together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into  
16 effect by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the last  
17 Wednesday in December, 2008.