

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1268**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Shawn Dooley*

*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 the definition of consistent with local needs in chapter 40b.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1268) of Shawn Dooley and others relative to the definition of consistent with local needs under the affordable housing law. Housing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4567 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the definition of consistent with local needs in chapter 40b.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The second sentence of the definition of “Consistent with local needs” in section 20 of  
2 chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
3 by striking out clause (1) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:- (1) low or  
4 moderate income housing exists which is: (i) in excess of 10 per cent of the housing units  
5 reported in the latest federal decennial census of a city or town with a housing inventory of 5,000  
6 units or more; (ii) in excess of 5 per cent of the housing units reported in the latest federal  
7 decennial census of a city or town with less than 5,000 housing units; or (iii) on sites comprising  
8 one and one half per cent or more of the total land area zoned for residential, commercial or  
9 industrial use, or.