

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01269**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*George N. Peterson, Jr.*

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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 rent control board procedures for manufactured housing.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*George N. Peterson, Jr.*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*9th Worcester*

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 01269

By Mr. George N. Peterson of Grafton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01269) of George N. Peterson relative to rent control board procedures for manufactured housing. Joint Committee on Housing.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to rent control board procedures for manufactured housing.

*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 anything to the contrary, any rent control board created by any act  
2 for any city or town in the Commonwealth, shall use forms prescribed by the Attorney General  
3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for such applications; additionally, any petitions filed by  
4 owner/operators of manufactured housing communities shall not be required to file financial  
5 statements of their operations, only information relating to the expenses associated with  
6 operating such entities. Upon application, unless agreed to by the applicant, such hearings shall  
7 commence within thirty (30) days of application and a written decision shall be issued by such  
8 board within ninety (90) days of such commencement; in the event that said rent control board  
9 has not rendered a decision within such time, the requested petition rent increase shall go into  
10 effect and be considered and deemed to be the rent for the community.

11           Section 2. Rent control boards in the Commonwealth shall be meet at least once annually  
12 to discuss rents within their communities.

13           Section 3.     All rent control boards shall be composed of no more than five members,  
14 at least two such members shall be individuals who are owners or operators of rental property,  
15 and no such member of any such rent control board shall be then serving as an elected official for  
16 that community.