

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1353**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joseph D. McKenna*

*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 providing relief of 40B regulations for municipalities sheltering individuals on behalf of DHCD.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:              | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i>          | <i>1/19/2023</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i>      | <i>Worcester and Hampshire</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |

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By Representative McKenna of Webster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1353) of Joseph D. McKenna and Anne M. Gobi relative to cities and towns sheltering individuals for certain state or federal housing agencies. Housing.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act providing relief of 40B regulations for municipalities sheltering individuals on behalf of DHCD.

*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. Chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section at the end thereof:-

3 Section X, Any municipality which is so ordered by the Federal Government or by the  
4 Commonwealth through the Department of Housing and Economic Development, the  
5 Department of Housing, or any other state or federal agency to provide an emergency shelter site  
6 for homeless populations greater than 10 individuals within its borders shall be granted 'safe  
7 harbor' from meeting the regulations and requirements of Chapter 40B namely including the  
8 Commonwealth's Subsidized Housing Inventory requirement threshold of 10%, for a period of  
9 not less than 5 years