

HOUSE No. 1394

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: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/25/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1394) of Shawn Dooley relative to the definition of consistent with local needs under the affordable housing law. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1268 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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.