

HOUSE No. 1802

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin G. Honan and James J. O'Day

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 regarding mandatory land use board training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

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By Messrs. Honan of Boston and O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1802) of Kevin G. Honan and others relative to education and training for members of local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act regarding mandatory land use board training.

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. Section 3 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (v) the following subsection:- (w)
3 establish, conduct and maintain an annual program of education, self-evaluation, and training for
4 members of local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals, at no cost to municipalities;
5 provided, however, that the department shall consult with the Massachusetts Association of
6 Planning Directors, Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, and American
7 Planning Association, Massachusetts Chapter, regarding development of the program; provided
8 further, that the department may contract with the Massachusetts Citizen Planner Training
9 Collaborative to provide such education, self-evaluation, and training. To the extent practicable,
10 the education, self-evaluation, and training programs shall be offered online and in various
11 locations throughout the commonwealth, at various times of the year.

12 Every member of local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals shall, within 60
13 days after becoming a board member, and every 2 years thereafter, complete the education, self-
14 evaluation, and training program, either online or in-person. Upon completion of the program,
15 the member shall provide notice of such completion to the town or city clerk, such notice to be
16 retained for 6 years.