

HOUSE No. 1856

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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 sanctuary cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Marc T. Lombardo

22nd Middlesex

Shaunna L. O'Connell

3rd Bristol

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1856) of Marc T. Lombardo and Shaunna L. O'Connell for legislation to withhold unrestricted general government aid to cities and towns that self designate themselves as sanctuary cities or towns, or cities and towns that fail to enforce the federal immigration laws. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2162 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to sanctuary cities and towns.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, any city or town
2 which fails to enforce federal immigration laws shall not receive unrestricted general government
3 aid, as prescribed by the general appropriations act; provided, quarterly payments of unrestricted
4 general government aid to be disbursed to the city or town shall cease upon verification of the
5 failure of the city or town to comply with federal immigration laws. Failure to comply with
6 federal immigration laws shall include, but is not limited to, a declaration of “sanctuary city”
7 status by the chief executive or executive board or legislative branch of the city or town.