

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2172**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kevin G. Honan***

*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 term of special permits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>

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By Mr. Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2172) of Kevin G. Honan relative to the term of special permits under the zoning laws. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1800 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to the term of special permits.

*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 9 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
2 by section 20 of chapter 358 of the acts of 2020, is hereby amended by striking out the fifteenth  
3 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:—

4           Zoning ordinances or by-laws shall provide that a special permit granted under this  
5 section shall lapse within a specified period of time, not less than 3 years from the date of filing  
6 of such approval with the city or town clerk, which shall not include such time required to pursue  
7 or await the determination of an appeal referred to in section seventeen, from the grant thereof, if  
8 a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause, or in the cause of a  
9 permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause.