

HOUSE No. 4014

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. Walsh

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a cultural and entertainment district certification program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven M. Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Essex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

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 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 54 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 54A. The Massachusetts cultural council shall establish and administer a cultural and
4 entertainment certification program. The program shall encourage the growth of communities through the
5 development of areas within a city or county for public and private uses related to cultural and
6 entertainment purposes. A city or county may create and designate a cultural and entertainment district
7 subject to certification by the council in consultation with economic development department. A cultural
8 and entertainment district is encouraged to include a unique form of transportation within the district and
9 recreation trails. A cultural and entertainment district certification shall remain in effect for 10 years
10 following the date of certification. Two or more cities or counties may apply jointly for certification of a
11 district that extends across a common boundary. Through the adoption of rules and regulations the
12 council shall develop a certification application for use in the certification process. The provisions of this
13 section relating to the adoption of rules and regulations shall be construed narrowly.