

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4288**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Byron Rushing***

*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 certain affordable housing in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Byron Rushing*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*9th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4288) of Byron Rushing (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to certain affordable housing in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston. Housing. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to certain affordable housing in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston.

*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. Construction and development activity related to redevelopment by the  
2 Boston Housing Authority of the federally-funded Lenox public housing project and the state-  
3 funded Camden public housing project, or any part thereof, shall not be subject to any general or  
4 special law related to the procurement and award of contracts for the planning, design,  
5 construction management, construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance, or  
6 repair of buildings by a public agency, but shall be subject to sections 26 to 27H, inclusive, of  
7 chapter 149 of the General Laws. Contracts for the construction, reconstruction, alteration,  
8 remodeling, or repair of any publicly owned public works that service this project and would  
9 otherwise be subject to section 39M of chapter 30 of the General Laws shall be subject to said  
10 section 39M if the redevelopment of the project is funded in part by state or federal government  
11 low-income housing tax credit, grant, or loan, or pursuant to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds  
12 authorized by general law. A conveyance of the project, whether by leasehold or fee estate, to an  
13 urban redevelopment corporation organized under chapter 121A of the General Laws or to a

14 nonprofit state and federally tax-exempt corporation organized for the purpose of revitalizing the  
15 project, shall be subject to chapter 30B of the General Laws to the extent that the project is  
16 conveyed to an entity that is not owned, controlled, or managed by the Boston Housing  
17 Authority on the date of the conveyance. Subject to compliance with such requirements of  
18 chapter 30B of the General Laws, the project may be conveyed to and may be owned, maintained  
19 and operated by an entity that is not owned, controlled, or managed by the Boston Housing  
20 Authority; provided that, with respect to the state-funded portion of the project, such entity enters  
21 into a binding legal contract and land use restriction with the Boston Housing Authority and with  
22 the department of housing and community development which requires compliance with the  
23 provisions of chapter 121B of the General Laws and 760 CMR §§ 4.00 et seq., 5.00 et seq. and  
24 6.00 et seq. in the same manner and to the same effect as if it were a housing authority, subject to  
25 such regulatory waivers given by the department of housing and community development as may  
26 be necessary for securing financing.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.