

HOUSE No. 4573

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 16, 2024.

The committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2016) of James Arciero relative to wetlands ordinances in cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2020) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to certain construction projects occurring in municipalities within 1,500 feet of a border of another municipality; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2021) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the building or rebuilding of bridges on certain land that falls under the jurisdiction of more than one municipality; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2026) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to holding property owners accountable for recurring municipal public nuisance complaints; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2032) of John Barrett, III relative to the boundaries of the Adams Fire District; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2033) of David Biele and others relative to reimbursement of training expenses for peace officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2035) of Peter Capano relative to zoning restrictions for land or structures for religious or educational purposes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2036) of Peter Capano for legislation to authorize municipalities to establish foreclosure mediation programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2039) of Mike Connolly and others relative to local approval of inclusionary zoning; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2041) of Josh S. Cutler and Mindy Domb relative to municipal oversight of utility company vegetation management; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2042) of Kip A. Diggs relative to concurrent service for elected local officials; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2043) of Kate Donaghue and Michelle M. DuBois relative to the enforcement of municipal ordinances and by-laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2044) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to public hearing notifications for variances from the terms of the certain zoning ordinances or by-laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2050) of Roberta Harback relative to

acceptance of the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act in cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2053) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, David Paul Linsky and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to hold annual and special hybrid town meetings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2056) of Jessica Ann Giannino, Jeffrey Rosario Turco and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to further regulate the siting of solid waste facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2057) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to the licensing of a third burner at the Wheelabrator facility in the town of Saugus; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2060) of Carlos González, Bud L. Williams and Orlando Ramos relative to authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2061) of Carlos González and others relative to the permitting and construction of accessory dwelling units; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2063) of Kevin G. Honan relative to municipal planning board regulations governing the reconstruction of certain local roadways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2065) of Kevin G. Honan relative to subdivision dead end ways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2066) of Kevin G. Honan relative to the conveyance of municipal property for the construction of mixed-use developments that include housing; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2067) of Kevin G. Honan relative to municipal permitting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2068) of Kevin G. Honan relative to abutter appeals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2069) of Steven S. Howitt relative to property subdivision; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2070) of Steven S. Howitt, Norman J. Orrall and Kelly W. Pease relative to establishing a special commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2071) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to authorize municipalities to enforce snow removal penalties for sidewalks abutting privately-owned property near certain state roadways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2073) of Hannah Kane, James Arciero and others for legislation to require that fiscal notes be attached to legislation providing unfunded mandates on municipal governments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2079) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to prohibit cities or towns from failing to enforce federal immigration laws by designating themselves as sanctuary cities and to withhold unrestricted general government aid to cities and towns for non-compliance; the

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2080) of Joseph D. McKenna relative to municipalities that own land that is located within the geographical bounds of another municipality; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2085) of Fred Mills relative to the sale of foreclosed residential property to certain cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2088) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to zoning restrictions for solar systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2090) of Brian W. Murray for legislation to improve parking and pedestrian safety; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2091) of Tram T. Nguyen relative to providing for municipal meeting postponement due to inclement weather; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2101) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to outstanding fines, fees, penalties, or costs related to the use of fireworks or pyrotechnics in the city of Springfield; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2104) of David M. Rogers, Vanna Howard and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to municipal natural resource protection bylaws or ordinances and the preservation of wetlands and water resources in certain housing applications; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2105) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to authorizing municipal use of the prudent investor standards; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2106) of Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to improve parking and pedestrian safety and for the creation of a pedestrian safety design advisory group (including members of the General Court) to improve the safety of parking lots and public spaces; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2107) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to the issuance of local permits for building energy efficiency and decarbonization; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2109) of Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in land use determinations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2110) of Daniel J. Ryan relative to the issuance of local permits for building energy efficiency and decarbonization; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2114) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to accidental disability retirement for police officers and firefighters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2116) of David T. Vieira relative to the maintenance of private roads, beaches and amenities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2119) of Tommy Vitolo relative to parking permit fees charged by cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2120) of Thomas P. Walsh for legislation to authorize cities and towns to establish ridgeline and hillside protection district review boards; the petition (accompanied

by bill, House, No. 3552) of Kristin E. Kassner and Liz Miranda relative to zoning voting thresholds; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3603) of Vanna Howard relative to requiring the construction of protective parking bollards and establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) on improving parking and pedestrian safety; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3726) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Oak Bluffs be authorized to further regulate the rental of mopeds and motor scooters in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3745) of Christine P. Barber, Patricia D. Jehlen and Erika Uytterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3776) of Christine P. Barber and Patricia D. Jehlen (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Medford be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities in said city; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3789) of Manny Cruz relative to authorizing municipalities to waive certain fees for the use of municipal-owned land by non-profit and charitable organizations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3790) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a "Plan G" form of city government; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3801) of Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to establish a municipal building assistance program and building authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3823) of Kristin E. Kassner, Kenneth I. Gordon and Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to travel mileage rate fees for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3889) of Joseph D. McKenna and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize appointing authority of the Oxford police department to the town manager in the town of Oxford; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3895) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to authorizing redivision of merger lots in municipalities adopting NetZero code, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4573) ought to be adopted [Representative Connolly of Cambridge dissents].

For the committee,

CAROLE A. FIOLA.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be authorized
2 to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House
3 documents numbered 2016, 2020, 2021, 2026, 2032, 2033, 2035, 2036, 2039, 2041, 2042, 2043,
4 2044, 2050, 2053, 2056, 2057, 2060, 2061, 2063, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071,
5 2073, 2079, 2080, 2085, 2088, 2090, 2091, 2101, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2109, 2110, 2114,
6 2116, 2119, 2120, 3552, 3603, 3726, 3745, 3776, 3789, 3790, 3801, 3823, 3889 and 3895,
7 relative to parking and pedestrian safety, wetlands, municipal ordinances and other related
8 matters.

9 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
10 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
11 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
12 on or before December 31, 2024.