

HOUSE No. 630

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:-

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