

HOUSE No. 686

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

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 a lottery for 40B housing residents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 686) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to establishing a lottery process in selecting buyers and/or renters for low and moderate income housing units. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1121 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to a lottery for 40B housing residents.

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. Any city or town in the Commonwealth may exercise the option of
2 establishing a Veterans’ Preference in selecting buyers and/or renters for 40B housing units,
3 provided that such city or town complies with the conditions provided hereinafter.

4 Section 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary,
5 the Massachusetts General Laws, 2004 edition, shall be amended by adding after Chapter 40B,
6 Section 21, the following section;

7 M.G.L. Chapter 40B: Section 21A Veterans Preference

8 Section 21A. All government and non-governmental programs that provide funding for
9 M.G.L. Chapter 40B housing shall utilize a lottery process in selecting buyers and/or renters for

10 such housing units, in which all eligible applicants shall participate. From such lottery,
11 appropriate households will be chosen for occupation in such housing.

12 The lottery shall include the following preference categories, which shall be given
13 priority in the order stated:

14 Disabled Veterans

15 A household in which one or more members is a disabled veteran at the time of
16 application, is a resident of the city or town, and meets the financial requirements of Chapter
17 40B.

18 Veterans

19 A household in which one or more members is a veteran at the time of the application, is
20 a resident of the city or town, and meets the financial requirements of Chapter 40B.

21 Residents of City or Town

22 A household in which one or more members is a resident of the city or town at the time
23 of application, and meets the financial requirements of Chapter 40B.

24 Non-Residents

25 A household in which no member is a resident of the city or town at the time of
26 application, but which meets the financial requirements of Chapter 40B.

27 Each household must show proper documentation proving veteran status and/or proof of
28 residency and financial need.