

HOUSE No. 858

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 prohibiting level 3 sex offenders from residing together.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 858) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to prohibiting level 3 sex offenders from residing together. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1411 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act prohibiting level 3 sex offenders from residing together.

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 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 48 the following new section:

3 Section 48A. A sex offender who has been finally classified as a level 3 sex offender
4 shall be prohibited from renting, residing, or otherwise occupying a single-family dwelling or a
5 unit in a multi-family dwelling with another finally classified level 3 sex offender, regardless of
6 the permanent or temporary residential status of either sex offender, unless those persons are
7 legally related by consanguinity, affinity or adoption.

8 A sex offender who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000 or
9 imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years, or both such fine and

10 imprisonment. Written notification shall be made to the sex offender registry board of such
11 violation.