

**SENATE . . . . . No. 231**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul W. Mark*

*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 updating gateway municipalities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul W. Mark*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and  
Hampshire*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 231**

By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 231) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to update the definition of gateway municipalities. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 526 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act updating gateway municipalities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended in Section 3A by striking out-  
2 "Gateway municipality", a municipality with a population greater than 35,000 and less  
3 than 250,000, a median household income below the commonwealth's average and a rate of  
4 educational attainment of a bachelor's degree or above that is below the commonwealth's  
5 average.

6 and inserting the following-

7 "Gateway municipality", a municipality with a population greater than 35,000 and less  
8 than 250,000, or two or more municipalities forming an inter-municipal agreement for this  
9 purpose with a combined population greater than 35,000 and less than 250,000, a median

- 10 household income below the commonwealth's average and a rate of educational attainment of a
- 11 bachelor's degree or above that is below the commonwealth's average.