

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00245**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 relative to waiver of charter regulations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 245) of Ross, Hedlund, Knapik and other members of the Senate for legislation relative to waiver charter regulations [Joint Committee on Education].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to waiver of charter regulations.

*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 89 of Chapter 71 of the general laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
2 thereto the following new subsection:

3 (nn) The board shall promulgate regulations for implementation and enforcement of this  
4 section. The board shall also develop procedures and guidelines for the waiver of any regulations  
5 implementing this section; provided, that no waivers shall be issued except at the written request  
6 of the charter applicant or at the written request of the board itself, both of which shall only be  
7 for exceptional circumstances. Said waiver must be accompanied by a written explanation of the  
8 reasons for the waiver, and may only be issued by a 2/3 vote of the board.