

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

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SENATE, February 7, 2024.

The committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1277) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation relative to the use of outdoor clotheslines; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1278) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to generate revenue to expand transit options; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1286) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to prevent nonprofit institutions from avoiding wetlands or natural resource protections under the so-called Dover Amendment; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1294) of James B. Eldridge, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Vanna Howard for legislation to encourage municipal recycling and composting; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1295) of James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to the effective enforcement of municipal ordinances and by-laws; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1298) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to authorize municipal use of the prudent investor standards; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1303) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation relative to a Municipal Building Assistance Program and Building Authority; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1304) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to provide for reserve funds for school districts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1305) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation to study establishment of, and definition of, a Middlesex Regional Commission; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1312) of Michael O. Moore and Rebecca L. Rausch that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the use and effectiveness of the zoning approval process of educational uses under the so-called Dover amendment; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1313) of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to concurrent service for elected officials; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1314) of Susan L. Moran and Julian Cyr for legislation relative to Massachusetts solar access law; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1315) of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to municipal equity in Steamship Authority operations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1318) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to improve parking and pedestrian safety; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1321) of Marc R. Pacheco and Steven S. Howitt for legislation relative to planning boards and subdivision control laws; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1323) of Michael F. Rush and Paul McMurtry for legislation to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in

land use determinations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1324) of Michael F. Rush and Paul McMurtry for legislation relative to EMS leave without loss of pay; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1325) of Bruce E. Tarr and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to local opt-in for permanent outdoor dining; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1326) of Gracemarie Tomaselli and Joyce Tomaselli for legislation to provide clarification of betterments with regard to sewer projects; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1327) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to require a parent or guardian who is exempt from property tax to reimburse a child's school for tuition; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2374) of Lydia Edwards (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the promulgation of zoning rules and regulations in the city of Boston, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2647).

For the committee,  
Jacob R. Oliveira

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2647

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Senate, February 15, 2024.

1           *Ordered,* That the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be authorized  
2 and directed to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered  
3 1277, 1278, 1286, 1294, 1295, 1298, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1318, 1321,  
4 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, and 2374 relative to certain general and special municipal  
5 legislation.