

SENATE No. 637

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony D. Galluccio

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 to encourage homeownership in foreclosed properties.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE HOMEOWNERSHIP IN FORECLOSED PROPERTIES.

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. The department of housing and community development shall establish a
2 task force to review current practices by nonprofit organizations that purchase foreclosed
3 properties and to recommend mechanisms requiring that a percentage of foreclosed properties
4 purchased by nonprofit organizations using federal, state or local subsidies be reintroduced for
5 homeownership. The task force shall explore: (1) appropriate ratios relative to rental
6 opportunities and homeownership opportunities for foreclosed properties purchased by nonprofit
7 organizations; (2) the formulation of criteria limiting the length of time such foreclosed
8 properties can be held before being reintroduced for homeownership; (3) methods to assist
9 nonprofit organizations in renegotiating mortgages and immediately marketing properties for
10 homeownership; (4) the availability of resources and programs to qualify new homebuyers for
11 purchase; (5) the availability of new lending opportunities for minorities; and (6) any other issue
12 the task force determines relevant to encourage new homeownership in foreclosed properties.

13 The task force shall consist of 9 members and include one representative of each of the following
14 organizations: the department of housing and community development, whose representative
15 shall serve as chair; the executive office of administration and finance; the House chair of the
16 committee on Housing; the Senate chair of the committee on Housing; a member appointed by

17 the President of the State Senate; a representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives; the Massachusetts Housing Partnership; the Citizens' Housing Planning
19 Association; and the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Members of the task force shall
20 serve without compensation.

21 Not later than 5 months after the effective date of this act, the task force shall submit to the
22 Governor and to the Clerks of the House and Senate its detailed findings and recommendations,
23 together with drafts of legislation to carry its recommendations into effect.