

SENATE No. 857

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph A. Boncore

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 commissioning a study to increase regional housing production.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Joseph A. Boncore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 857) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to commission a study to increase regional housing production. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 776 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act commissioning a study to increase regional housing production.

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

1 There shall be established, under the Department of Housing and Community
2 Development, a commission to research and establish regional housing production goals to meet
3 a statewide housing need of no less than 430,000 new housing units by the year 2030.

4 The department shall work with; regional housing non-profit organizations,
5 municipalities, municipal planning organizations, regional housing authorities, regional
6 transportation authorities, the Department of Transportation, municipal transportation authorities,
7 and local private or public institutions of higher education to identify and set housing production
8 regions and to report within one year to the legislature on recommendations that: (i) identify
9 regional housing production needs; (ii) set regional housing productions goals; (iii) devise
10 funding mechanisms for housing production projects; (iv) outline tax, subsidy, or other

- 11 incentives for municipalities or regions to meet said goals; (v) improve the permitting process for
- 12 such housing production projects; (v) outline optimal residential development zoning codes for
- 13 housing production; and (v) better set housing affordability standards.