

SENATE No. 888

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam G. Hinds

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 promoting access to affordable housing in the 21st century.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 888) of Adam G. Hinds and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to promote affordable housing. Housing.

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

An Act promoting access to affordable housing in the 21st century.

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. Section 25 of Chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of the term “Annual Income” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:-

4 “Annual Income”, a person or family’s annual gross income less (1) payments made
5 towards student loan payments and payments made to licensed child care providers up to an
6 annual combined deduction of \$10,000, (2) reasonable allowances for dependents, other than
7 spouse, and (3) medical expenses.

8 SECTION 2. Section 38D of Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in the
9 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of the term “Low or
10 moderate income household” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

11 “Low or moderate income household”, a household with a gross income not more than 80
12 per cent of area median household income as most recently determined by the United States

13 Department of Housing and Urban Development, adjusted for household size less payments
14 made towards student loan payments and payments made to licensed child care providers up to
15 an annual combined deduction of \$10,000; provided, however, that in Nantucket or Dukes
16 county "low or moderate income household" shall mean persons and households earning less
17 than 150 per cent of Nantucket county or the county of Dukes County median household income
18 as reported from time to time by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
19 Development.