

SENATE No. 896

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan L. Moran

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 to increase access to affordable housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Susan L. Moran

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Barnstable

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By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 896) of Susan L. Moran for legislation to increase access to affordable housing. Housing.

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

An Act to increase access to affordable housing.

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 2020
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 gross annual income less the following expenses:

5 (a) payments made towards student loan payments and payments made to licensed child
6 care providers up to an annual combined deduction of \$10,000;

7 (b) reasonable allowances for dependents, other than spouse; and

8 (c) medical expenses.

9 SECTION 2. Section 38D of Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in the
10 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of the term “Low or moderate
11 income household” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

12 “Low or moderate income household”, a household with a gross income of not more than
13 80 per cent of the area median household income as most recently determined by the United
14 States Department of Housing and Urban Development, adjusted for household size less
15 payments made towards student loan payments and payments made to licensed child care
16 providers up to an annual combined deduction of \$10,000; provided, however, that in Nantucket
17 or Dukes county "low or moderate income household" shall mean persons and households
18 earning less than 150 per cent of Nantucket county or the county of Dukes County median
19 household income as reported from time to time by the United States Department of Housing and
20 Urban Development.