

HOUSE No. 1758

By Mr. DiFruscia of Lawrence, petition of Anthony R. DiFruscia that housing, urban renewal and redevelopment authorities be required to call for competitive bidding by private developers of land assembly and redevelopment projects. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOUSING, URBAN RENEWAL AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES TO CALL FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS OF LAND ASSEMBLY AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

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

1 Chapter 121A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 18C, as added by section 1 of chapter
3 859 of the acts of 1965, the following section:—

4 *Section 18D.* No contract for the sale or lease of a land as-
5 sembly and redevelopment project which has been developed
6 or is being developed in accordance with the provisions of
7 this chapter or chapter one hundred twenty-one, to a private
8 developer shall be awarded except to the highest responsible
9 bidder and after advertising thereof. The said authorities shall
10 have the right to reject all bids and to re-advertise for bids.
11 Advertisements for bids shall be published at least seven days
12 before the opening thereof in a paper published in the city
13 wherever such project is located. Such advertisement shall
14 state the time and place where all pertinent information rela-
15 tive to the proposed sales or lease, and the time and place of
16 opening the bids in answer to said advertisements, and that
17 the authority reserves the right to reject any or all such bids.

18 All bids in response to advertisements shall be sealed and
19 shall be publicly opened by the authority. The authority may
20 require, as evidence of good faith, that a deposit of a reasonable
21 sum, to be fixed by the authority, accompanying the proposals,
22 and may also require a bond conditioned on the faithful per-
23 formance of the contract.