

By Mr. Manning of Waltham, petition of Stephen F. Coyle and others (members of the city council) (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the housing review board of the city of Waltham be authorized to adjust rents, fine violators and provide for judicial review of its housing review ordinance. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT ENABLING THE WALTHAM HOUSING REVIEW BOARD TO ADJUST RENTS, FINE VIOLATORS AND PROVIDE FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ITS HOUSING REVIEW ORDINANCE.

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. That the Waltham Housing Review Board is
2 authorized to:

3 A. Upon petition, adjust all rents or rental increases estab-
4 lished on or after January 1, 1971 as between landlord and
5 tenant in housing units rented to low and moderate income
6 families as defined for the purposes of Federal and State
7 legislation with the exemptions as listed in the present ordinance
8 (Section 2-113, A1 to A7), as may be determined to be
9 excessive and inequitable as per such standard as may be
10 established from time to time by the Board with the approval of
11 the Mayor and the City Council.

12 B. Establish suitable fines not to exceed \$500.00 for each
13 violation of its decisions and orders.

14 C. Establish suitable provisions for judicial review and en-
15 forcement of its decisions and orders.

16 D. Establish such other rules and regulations, through its
17 Mayor and City Council of the City of Waltham as may be
18 necessary from time to time to carry out the general provisions
19 of this Act.

1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon adoption by the
2 City Council and approval by the Mayor.

The Committee on the Judiciary, United States House of Representatives, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AND THAT YOU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF THE RESULTS OF THE SAME AS SOON AS THEY ARE DETERMINED.

Very respectfully,
JAMES H. HANCOCK, Chairman.

1. SECTION 2 OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL ACT
2. amended to
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