

SENATE No. 1066

By Mr. Reilly (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1066) of Paul Jenny for legislation to promote and encourage the construction and maintenance of an adequate supply of rental housing. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF RENTAL 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. In order to promote the construction and main-
2 tenance of quality housing in the Commonwealth the following
3 classes of housing are hereby exempted from any rent control law
4 or ordinance, or from regulation by any rent review board or any
5 other similar body or legislation with the same intent. This legis-
6 lation is exempt permanently from home rule petitions.

1 SECTION 2. The classes of housing include residential hous-
2 ing units built after the date of enactment of this legislation and
3 any single family home.

1 SECTION 3. In order to further protect the current housing
2 stock of the Commonwealth and to provide for the proper main-
3 tenance and upgrading of that housing stock, the rent on any unit
4 of residential rental housing shall be allowed to increase to
5 market level on any unit as each tenant and succeeding tenants in
6 the same unit vacate. No board, commission or other body shall
7 make or maintain any regulation to control the rent in a vacant
8 housing unit.

