

By Mr. Doyle of Boston, petition of Charles Robert Doyle, James T. Brett, Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., Michael J. Barrett, John E. McDonough and Kevin W. Fitzgerald (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the establishment and administration of rent regulations and the control of evictions in mobile home park accommodations in the city of Boston. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT GRANTING THE CITY OF BOSTON AUTHORITY TO REGULATE MOBILE HOMES, TRAILERS AND TRAILER MOBILE HOME LOTS.

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. The General Court finds and declares that a
2 serious public emergency declared in Chapter 797 of the Acts of
3 1969 continues to exist in the City of Boston with respect to the
4 housing of a substantial number of the citizens of said city, which
5 emergency has resulted in a substantial shortage of safe, decent,
6 and reasonably priced rental housing accommodations in the City
7 of Boston, particularly for those who are elderly, handicapped,
8 or who have low or moderate annual incomes; and that such emer-
9 gency has been particularly exacerbated because of deterioration
10 and demolition of existing housing and an insufficient supply of
11 new housing, and due further to substantial rent increases de-
12 manded of tenants residing in the only trailer park within the
13 boundaries of the City of Boston which will result in the dis-
14 placement of many such trailer park tenants who cannot afford
15 to pay substantial rent increases as most such trailer park
16 occupants are elderly, handicapped or have low or moderate
17 annual incomes and unless the City of Boston is allowed to treat
18 mobile homes, trailers, and trailer/mobile home lots rented or
19 offered for rent as housing accommodations for the purposes of

20 regulating rents and evictions such emergency and the inflationary
21 pressures resulting therefrom will produce serious threats to the
22 public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of said
23 city; and that such emergency should be met immediately and with
24 due regard for the rights and responsibilities of said City of
25 Boston; and, therefore, the following is declared to be in the public
26 interest.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1969, as amended by
2 Chapter 863 of the Acts of 1970 and Chapter 843 of the Acts of
3 1971, is hereby further amended by adding a new Section 2A as
4 follows: —

5 Section 2A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or
6 any provision of any other act, or any general or special law, all
7 mobile homes, trailers, and trailer/mobile home lots which are
8 rented or offered for rent for living or dwelling purposes shall be
9 considered “controlled housing accommodations” for all purposes
10 of this act. Furthermore the City of Boston may regulate any rent
11 increases or eviction served on any tenant of a mobile home park
12 effective on or after March first, nineteen hundred and eight-
13 seven.

1 SECTION 3. Severability. The provisions of this act are sev-
2 erable and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional
3 or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the
4 decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the re-
5 maining provisions.

1 SECTION 4. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.