

By Mr. Finneran of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Finneran relative to certain zoning regulation. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGARDING ZONING REGULATIONS.

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

1 No local zoning law shall provide penalty of more than three
2 hundred dollars per violation; provided that nothing herein shall
3 be construed to prohibit such laws from providing that each day
4 such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. No
5 action, suit or proceeding shall be maintained in any court, nor
6 any administrative or other action taken to recover a fine or
7 damages or to compel the removal, alteration, or relocation of
8 any structure or part of a structure or alteration of a structure
9 by reasons of any violation of any zoning by-law or ordinance
10 except in accordance with the provisions of this section, section
11 eight and section seventeen and no action, criminal or civil, the
12 effect or purpose of which is to compel the abandonment,
13 limitation or modification of the use or the removal, alteration
14 or relocation of any structure erected by reason of any alleged
15 violation of the provisions of this chapter, or of any ordinance
16 or by-law adopted thereunder, shall be maintained, unless such
17 action, suit or proceeding is commenced and notice thereof
18 recorded in the registry of deeds for each county or district in
19 which the land lies within six years next after the commencement
20 of the alleged violation of law. Such notice shall include names
21 of one or more of the owners of record, the name of the person
22 initiating the action, and adequate identification of the structure
23 and the alleged violation.

