

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of Kevin W. Fitzgerald, John E. McDonough and Frederick E. Berry for legislation to provide assistance to cities and towns for the granting of comprehensive permits for the construction of housing. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CITIES AND TOWNS THAT GRANT COMPREHENSIVE PERMITS.

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 40B, as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section twenty-three, the following new
3 section: —

4 Section 24. Assistance to Cities and Towns that Approve
5 Comprehensive Applications to Build Housing.

6 Upon the local board's presentation of evidence demonstrating
7 that an approved comprehensive permit will have a significant
8 impact on municipal service systems, including but not limited to,
9 public works, education, fire and police departments, the
10 Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs shall render
11 a decision as to the extent of said impact.

12 If the impact of the housing is found to be great, said community
13 shall be given a priority status for any and all discretionary grants
14 applied for that will mitigate the impact of said housing.
15 Discretionary grant priority will only be available to those
16 communities that have made a good faith effort to address the
17 local affordable housing needs and that have approved a
18 comprehensive housing development. The Secretary of Depart-
19 ment of Community Affairs shall notify all other secretariats of
20 the priority status for those communities eligible under this
21 section.

