

SENATE No. 818

By Mrs. Hicks, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 818) of Lucile P. Hicks for legislation to clarify required public hearings for amendments to zoning ordinances or by-laws. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO CLARIFY REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCES OR BY-LAWS.

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 40A Section 5 is hereby amended by striking the first
- 2 sentence of the second paragraph and inserting the following:
- 3 All zoning ordinances or by-laws or amendments thereto shall
- 4 be given a public hearing by the planning board in a city or town,
- 5 and the city council or a committee designated or appointed for
- 6 the purpose by said council, together or separately, at which
- 7 interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

