

By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 616) of Michael R. Knapik, Michael F. Kane and Stephen J. Buoniconti for legislation to provide for the deconcentration of poverty and encourage mixed income in public housing developments. Housing and Urban Development.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and One.  
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO DECONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

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

1 To allow Public Housing Authorities (PHA) as defined under  
2 General Laws c. 121B to establish a written policy that would  
3 authorize the Public Housing Authority to skip families on their  
4 waiting lists for state public housing units to reach other families  
5 with a lower or higher income. Said Public Housing Authority  
6 would adopt strict, uniform and non-discriminatory criteria that  
7 would allow the PHA to establish this policy to provide for a  
8 deconcentration of poverty and encourage income mixing within  
9 its state public housing developments. Each PHA must analyze  
10 the income levels of families residing in each of their develop-  
11 ments, the income levels of census tracts in which the PHA's  
12 developments are located and the income levels of the families on  
13 the waiting list.

