

SENATE. No. 1955

By Mr. Havern, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1955) of Robert A. Havern, Jay R. Kaufman, J. James Marzilli, Jr. and Anne M. Paulsen (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Arlington to enact a by-law to protect places of special cultural, architectural and historical significance. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON TO ENACT A BY-LAW TO PROTECT PLACES OF SPECIAL CULTURAL, ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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 Town of Arlington, acting by its Town Meeting,
2 is authorized to adopt a by-law providing for the establishment and
3 protection of "Special Places" in the Town of Arlington.

1 SECTION 2. Such a by-law may provide, *inter alia*, for a
2 process for nominating sites as "Special Places"; for the establish-
3 ment of "Special Places" by a two-thirds vote of the Town Meet-
4 ing, for a definition of "Special Places" limiting them to buildings
5 or sites of great cultural, architectural, or historical significance to
6 the Town; for the establishment of protective zones around such
7 "Special Places" which may be as large as 200 feet from the lot
8 lines of a "Special Place" (property within the protective zone
9 which is also in a Chapter 40C Historic District would be exclu-
10 sively regulated under said Chapter 40C and the Town's historic
11 district by-laws); for notification to the owners of all property
12 within the protective zone of a proposed "Special Place" and for
13 regulations under which an appropriate Town body (as provided in
14 the by-law) could regulate changes in exterior appearance which
15 might impact a "Special Place".

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

