

HOUSE No. 2259

By Mr. Travis of Rehoboth, petition of Philip Travis and another for legislation to require municipalities with rent control to recertify the existence of housing emergencies. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RENT CONTROL.

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

1 Municipalities with Rent Control shall annually recertify the
2 existence of a housing emergency. Failure to recertify will result
3 in loss of State Aid equal to the amount of the real estate tax levy
4 relinquished by rent control. A mere declaration is insufficient.
5 Recertification shall include accurate statistics on number of
6 rental units, vacancy rate, and a determination that any housing
7 shortage is not artificially self-inflicted. Municipalities shall also
8 annually provide a detailed statement supporting the rationale for
9 a declaration of emergency.

