

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, petition of William C. Galvin that the Department of Housing and Community Development be directed to establish a program to assist towns in complying with affordable housing mandates. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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 definition of "Consistent with local needs" of
2 section 20 of chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in
3 the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
4 word "needs", in line 43, the following words:— or (3) low or
5 moderate income housing exists which is in excess of eight per-
6 cent of the housing units reported in the latest federal decennial
7 census of the city or town and the city or town has filed a compre-
8 hensive plan with the department of community affairs estab-
9 lishing guidelines within said city or town for any further
10 development of low- or moderate-income housing.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
2 special law to the contrary, the department of housing and com-
3 munity development shall establish guidelines for the filing of
4 comprehensive plans for the development of low- or moderate-
5 income housing in cities and towns where such cities and towns
6 contain in excess of eight percent of the housing units. Such
7 guidelines shall include provisions for the gradual accomplish-
8 ment of new development to accomplish the goal of ten percent of
9 the low- or moderate-income housing and the provision that any
10 such city or town which contains eight percent or more of such
11 housing and files such plan shall be considered to have its require-
12 ments and regulations consistent with local needs.

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