

By Ms. Fox of Boston, petition of Gloria L. Fox and other members of the House for legislation to expedite the use of federal funds for the revitalization of severely distressed public housing in the Commonwealth. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT EXPEDITING THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would defeat its
2 purpose, which is to immediately facilitate the revitalization of
3 severely distressed public housing and would threaten the award
4 of federal funds that will be utilized to alleviate the poor living
5 conditions for residents in distressed public housing thereby
6 undermining the intent to preserve affordable housing in the
7 Commonwealth; therefore it is hereby declared to be an emer-
8 gency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
9 convenience and safety.

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. Section twenty-six, subsection (j) of chap-
2 ter 121B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding in the
3 first clause of subsection (j) after the words "housing project or
4 part thereof" and before the words "including the reduction," the
5 following:— including necessary infrastructure improvements and
6 construction or renovation of replacement units located on or off
7 the site of the existing housing project.

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty-six (j) of chapter 121B of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by adding in the last clause of

3 subsection (j) after the words “chapter one hundred and eleven”
4 and before the words “the award of construction,” the
5 following:— or where such project or any units constructed or
6 renovated as replacement housing therefor are funded in whole or
7 in part pursuant to a federal government program for severely
8 distressed public housing pursuant to the urban revitalization
9 demonstration, HOPE VI or similar federal program or law.