

HOUSE No. 1208

By Mr. Greene of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1208) of William G. Greene, Jr., and others relative to the determination of income for potential occupants of energy-efficient affordable housing, Housing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William G. Greene, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to Promote Energy Efficiency in Affordable Housing.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| William G. Greene, Jr. | 22nd Middlesex |
| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |
| Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. | 26th Middlesex |
| Thomas A. Golden, Jr. | 16th Middlesex |
| Geraldo Alicea | 6th Worcester |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | 18th Worcester |
| Kevin J. Murphy | 18th Middlesex |
| Susan C. Fargo | Third Middlesex |
| Bruce E. Tarr | First Essex and Middlesex |
| Paul McMurtry | 11th Norfolk |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN 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. Chapter 40B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 21,
2 the following section:-
- 3 Section 21A. When energy-efficient low and moderate income housing is constructed under a
4 comprehensive permit, and certified by a home energy rating, each dollar saved in energy
5 efficiency shall be added to a potential occupant's income for the purposes of securing lower
6 interest rates on a mortgage. Income added due to energy efficiency shall be used on behalf of
7 the potential occupant for the purposes of lowering the interest rate, or other positive purposes,
8 and shall not be used to deny eligibility for the unit.
- 9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.