[Similar Matter Filed During Past Session — See Senate No. 1897 of 1980]

SENATE No. 936

By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 936) of Joseph F. Timilty for legislation to provide that zoning ordinances and by-laws relating to land restricted to residential purposes adequately protect the health, safety, convenience, morals, or welfare of the public. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ZONING ORDINANCES AND BY-LAWS RELAT-ING TO LAND RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, CONVENIENCE, MORALS, OR WEL-FARE OF THE PUBLIC.

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 14A of Chapter 240 of the General Laws, as most
- 2 recently amended by Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 is fur-
- 3 ther amended by adding the following paragraph: —
- 4 No provision of any zoning ordinance or by-law relating
- 5 to either the area, width, yard, frontage, depth, or use re-
- 6 quirements of land restricted principally to residential pur-
- 7 poses shall be valid which, in its application to a particular
- 8 parcel of land, exceeds that which is required to adequately
- 9 protect the health, safety, convenience, morals, or welfare of
- 10 the public as determined in a proceeding under the provisions
- 11 of this section.