

HOUSE No. 5718

By Mr. Cohen of Newton, petition of David B. Cohen (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) for legislation to authorize the city of Newton to regulate and restrict the use of land or structures for religious purposes or for educational purposes on land owned or leased by a religious sect or denomination, or by a nonprofit educational corporation. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF USE OF CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF NEWTON.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 40A of the General
2 Laws, the City of Newton is hereby authorized to regulate and
3 restrict the use of land or structures for religious purposes or for
4 educational purposes on land owned or leased by a religious sect
5 or denomination, or by a non-profit educational corporation, by
6 means including but not limited to special permit; however, the
7 exercise of such additional authority hereby granted shall not
8 apply to uses or structures on a lot in area less than twice the size
9 of the minimum buildable residential lot in a Newton Single
10 Residence 1 zoning district, so long as such lot is in single and
11 separate ownership and is not available for use in common or in
12 connection with a contiguous or adjacent lot.

