

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of Kevin W. Fitzgerald that provision be made for the appointment of housing authority police officers to provide for the security of tenants. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY OF HOUSING AUTHORITY TENANTS
AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICERS.

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 32 of Chapter 121B of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1987 is
3 hereby amended by striking the word "and" immediately
4 preceding clause (d) in the first paragraph and adding the
5 following clause at the end of the first paragraph: —
6 ; and (e) to maintain safety and order in state and federally-
7 aided housing projects by undertaking crime prevention activities
8 and by employing special police officers and other security
9 personnel as the housing authority deems necessary for the
10 protection of any resident and his or her property where said
11 resident or property has been harmed or threatened with harm
12 because of said resident's race, color, religion, or national origin.

1 SECTION 2. Ten million dollars is hereby appropriated for a
2 public housing public safety program to be administered by the
3 department of community affairs. The department shall
4 administer such programs by providing grants to local housing
5 authorities to facilitate the implementation of tenant security
6 measures at public housing projects.

