

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1157**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Theodore C. Speliotis*

*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 creating smoke free elderly housing units in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1157) of Theodore C. Speliotis, Stephen L. DiNatale and Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to establish a policy for smoke-free elderly housing in the Commonwealth. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 383 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act creating smoke free elderly housing units in the Commonwealth.

*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. The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development  
2 is hereby authorized and directed to establish a policy, in conjunction with local and regional  
3 housing authorities, to designate at least one residential building within said authorities'  
4 jurisdiction as a smoke-free building.

5 SECTION 2. Any housing authority having governance of one hundred or less units shall  
6 be required to make available not less than twenty percent of said units as smoke-free. These  
7 units ought to be either contiguous to each other or separated from the remainder of any existing  
8 structure if physically possible.

9 SECTION 3. Said policy shall consist of a phase-in period in which apartments, as they  
10 become vacant, shall be made available to non-smokers. Said policy shall contain language  
11 stating that current tenants or their guests that wish to smoke may not be evicted or forced to  
12 move against their wishes.