

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01271**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.*

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*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 relative to promoting local housing initiatives for economically diverse households.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Carl M. Sciortino of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01271) of Benjamin Swan and others relative to promoting local housing initiatives for economically diverse households of median income families. Joint Committee on Housing.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to promoting local housing initiatives for economically diverse households.

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

- 1 Chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-
- 2 Section 3A. All cities and towns shall, in their zoning ordinances and by-laws, provide
- 3 opportunities for the creation of at least their municipality’s fair share of housing for households
- 4 of median income, with due regard for regional housing needs as established by the regional
- 5 planning agency and/or the Department of Housing and Community Development. This shall
- 6 not preclude the establishment of zoning districts where only low-density development is
- 7 permitted in order to protect natural and cultural resources, provided that the city or town has
- 8 made adequate accommodation for a range of housing types and income levels in other zoning
- 9 districts.