

HOUSE No. 1960

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for a study by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services relative to nonprofit group homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Colleen M. Garry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

36th Middlesex

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1960) of Colleen M. Garry that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services conduct a study relative to the distribution of nonprofit group homes throughout the Commonwealth. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act providing for a study by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services relative to nonprofit group homes.

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 executive office of health and human services is hereby authorized and
2 directed to conduct a study relative to the feasibility of establishing a fairness rule which would
3 provide for a more equitable distribution of nonprofit group homes throughout the
4 commonwealth.

5 Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the number and location of
6 such group homes currently in use, an analysis of the ratio of such existing group homes to
7 population for each municipality, and an analysis of the neighborhoods in which such group
8 homes currently in use are located in terms of economic factors.

9 Such study shall consider the feasibility of establishing a formula or guidelines to ensure
10 an equitable distribution of such group homes in municipalities based upon population and upon
11 economic composition of the neighborhood. Said department shall report to the general court the

- 12 results of its study, and its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
- 13 House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2017.