

HOUSE No. 3520

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost and Peter J. Durant

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 further transparency in the siting of marijuana facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>

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By Messrs. Frost of Auburn and Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3520) of Paul K. Frost and others relative to the siting of marijuana facilities. Marijuana Policy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE [Refile Branch], NO. OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act providing further transparency in the siting of marijuana facilities.

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. Chapter 94G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition is
2 hereby amended by adding the following new section:—

3 Section 3 ½ . Transparency in the Siting of Marijuana Facilities

4 (a) A city or town shall hold a public meeting on the siting of marijuana facilities prior to
5 the issuance of any licenses or approval of any host agreement.

6 (b) As part of the licensing application, an applicant shall provide certified
7 documentation confirming the adoption of the Cannabis Control Commission’s first operating
8 principle, “to conduct all processes openly and transparently,” agreed to by the potential licensee
9 and all participating municipal officials.

10 (c) The Cannabis Control Commission shall require the final draft of a Host Community
11 Agreement be posted on the municipality's web site, at least 14 days prior to a vote on
12 acceptance, for review with the opportunity for residents to provide comments.

13 (d) The Cannabis Control Commission shall require the applicant's Community Outreach
14 Meeting to be held at least 14 days prior to the vote of any city or town on a Host Community
15 Agreement.