

HOUSE No. 00527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel K. Webster, (BY REQUEST)

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 in law apartments

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

Philip Dwyer

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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Duxbury, MA 02332

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By Mr. Daniel K. Webster of Pembroke (by request), petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00527) of [petitioners] relative to in-law apartment restrictions.. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 4012 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to in law apartments

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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 30 of chapter 184 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph, the following
3 paragraph:-

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no restriction determined to
5 be of such actual and substantial benefit may prevent a senior parent of a homeowner from
6 occupation of said addition or alteration as long as the following stipulations occur: (a) the
7 alteration or addition shall be one level not to exceed 1,000 square feet and may contain one
8 bedroom, living room, kitchen, dining area, and one full bathroom; (b) the unit may only be used
9 as senior housing and never as income property; provided, however, if the senior occupancy is

10 no longer needed, the unit shall be converted back to a common living area by the homeowner;
11 and (c)the unit must be altered subject to the building code of the commonwealth, and must
12 conform to Title V regulations in order to be granted a building permit.