

HOUSE No. 527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 relative to transformative development initiatives in rural communities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 527) of Paul W. Mark, Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford relative to transformative development initiatives in rural communities. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to transformative development initiatives in rural communities.

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 23G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in section 46 the
2 following new subsection:-

3 (n) The fund director shall allocate a portion of the original capitalization of the fund, not
4 to exceed ten percent, to provide technical assistance to revitalize and support development in
5 rural municipalities by utilizing any of the following methods of providing technical assistance:

- 6 (i) grants to support the hiring of professional staff or professional services by a rural
- 7 municipality, an instrumentality of a rural municipality, or a regional planning authority; (ii)
- 8 reimbursement for professional staff employed by the agency and embedded in a rural
- 9 municipality, an instrumentality of a rural municipality, or a regional planning authority; (iii)
- 10 grants to pay third-party professional services managed by the agency; and (iv) any other
- 11 variation on the provision of technical assistance consistent with this section.