

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 678**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 establishing an affordable housing qualification commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 678) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to low and moderate income housing qualifications and recertification. Housing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1120 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act establishing an affordable housing qualification commission.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary there is hereby  
2 established a special commission and study on low and moderate income housing qualifications  
3 and recertification, which shall investigate and document the levels and impacts of recertification  
4 management and practices within local housing authorities, and develop a strategy and  
5 recommendations to reduce, minimize or eliminate recertification fraud. The commission shall  
6 review the policies that underlay existing publicly financed and funded housing development  
7 programs and practices of low income and moderate income housing recertification in the  
8 commonwealth.

9           The commission shall consist of the secretary of housing and economic development or a  
10 designee, 1 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of  
11 representatives; 1 members of the senate appointed by the senate president; 1 member of the  
12 house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1  
13 member of the senate appointed by the senate minority leader; 2 members appointed by the  
14 governor; 1 of whom shall be a commissioner of a local housing authority and 1 of whom shall  
15 be an individual with expertise in low income and moderate income housing.

16           The executive office of housing and economic development and its subdivisions shall  
17 provide technical support to the commission.

18           The commission shall file its report, together with recommendations for changes to  
19 improve recertification management with clerks of the house and senate, the house and senate  
20 chairs of the joint committee on housing and the joint chairs, and the house and senate chairs of  
21 the joint committee on municipalities and regional government.