HOUSE . . . . No. 691

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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 affordable housing units.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*
Shaunna L. O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Leonard Mirra	*2nd Essex*

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 691) of Marc T. Lombardo and others relative to affordable housing units. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1124* OF 2015-2016.]

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

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An Act relative to affordable housing units.

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 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official

2   Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the section 20 the following section:-

3   Section 20A. The following words, wherever used in this chapter, shall, unless a different

4   meaning clearly appears from the context, have the following meaning:

5   "Affordable Housing Unit", any unit assessed at a value affordable to a household

6   earning less than 80% of the area median income. If such unit meets this criterion for a five

7   consecutive years, it shall count toward the town's ten percent of housing unit threshold

8   established pursuant to the definition of "consistent with local needs," under section 20 of this

9   chapter.

10   The Department of Housing and Community Development, as established in section 1 of

11   chapter 23B, shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of this section.