

**HOUSE** . . . . . **No. 00997**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*David M. Torrasi*

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*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 the rehabilitation of community resources.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*David M. Torrasi*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*14th Essex*

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By Mr. David M. Torrissi of North Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00997) of David M. Torrissi relative to the rehabilitation of community resources.. Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 1062 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the rehabilitation of community resources.

*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 2 of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of “Rehabilitation” and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following:—  
4 “Rehabilitation”, the remodeling, reconstruction and making of extraordinary repairs to historic  
5 resources, open spaces, lands for recreational use and community housing for the purpose of  
6 making such historic resources, open spaces, lands for recreational use and community housing  
7 functional for their intended use, including but not limited to improvements to comply with the  
8 Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal, state or local building or access codes. With  
9 respect to historic resources, rehabilitation shall have the additional meaning of work to comply

10 with the Standards for Rehabilitation stated in the United States Secretary of the Interior's  
11 Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties codified in 36 C.F.R. Part 68. With respect to  
12 land for recreational use, rehabilitation shall include the replacement of playground equipment  
13 and other capital improvements to the land or the facilities thereon which make the land or the  
14 related facilities more functional for the related recreational use.

15 SECTION 2. Paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 5 of chapter 44B, as so appearing, is  
16 hereby amended, in line 41, by inserting after the word "section", the following words:- The  
17 community preservation committee shall also make recommendations to the legislative body for  
18 the preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of open space, historic resources, land for  
19 recreational use, and community housing in which the city or town has a real property interest,  
20 but may not have been acquired or created as provided for in this section.