

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2317**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Barrett***

*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 a building permit surcharge in the town of Concord.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2317) of Michael J. Barrett and Tami L. Gouveia (by vote of the town) for legislation to establishing a building permit surcharge in the town of Concord. Housing. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act establishing a building permit surcharge in the town of Concord.

*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. The Town of Concord, hereafter referred to as "the Town," may, by bylaw,  
2           require the payment of an affordable housing surcharge for any construction that: (i) requires a  
3           building permit; and (ii) exceeds a minimum construction value to be determined by the Select  
4           Board of the Town. The bylaw shall specify the amount of said affordable housing surcharge, the  
5           method by which the surcharge may be increased from time to time, and any types of  
6           construction or uses to which the affordable housing surcharge shall not apply.

7           SECTION 2. All fees received pursuant to this act shall be dedicated to the Concord  
8           Housing Development Corporation established by the Town or deposited in the Concord  
9           Affordable Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to section 55C of Chapter 44 of the General  
10          Laws.

11          SECTION 3. For the purposes of this act, "affordable housing" shall mean as defined  
12          under section 1 of chapter 60 of the General Laws.

13           SECTION 4. Acceptance of this act by the Town of Concord shall be first by vote of  
14 approval at an annual Town Meeting, to be followed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the  
15 voters at any regular or special election at which the question of acceptance is placed on the  
16 ballot. Sections 1 to 3, inclusive shall take effect 30 days after such acceptance by the Town.