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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

#### Walter F. Timilty

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 near areas of critical concern.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Walter F. TimiltyNorfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

#### SENATE DOCKET, NO. 1677 FILED ON: 1/20/2017

# **SENATE** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 753

By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 753) of Walter F. Timilty relative to affordable housing near areas of critical concern. Housing.

### [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1142 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to affordable housing near areas of critical concern.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:* 

1 1. Section 21 of chapter 40B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after the 2 word "consultants" the following:- "provided however, notwithstanding any general or special 3 law or regulation to the contrary, including the provisions hereof, this board of appeals shall not 4 issue said comprehensive permit for any area, site, or land which the Commonwealth by any of 5 its agencies or subdivisions thereof have designated as an area of conservation concern, or core 6 habitat or critical natural concern". 7 2. Section 23 of chapter 40B is hereby further amended by adding after the words "local 8 needs" in line 8 the following:- ", and is not located upon an area designated by the 9 Commonwealth, any of its agencies, or subdivisions thereof to be and/or contain core habitat, or 10 conservation concern or critical natural landscape."