

HOUSE No. 162

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others establishing a special task force to study smart growth housing projects. Community Development and Small Business.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Karyn E. Polito
Mary S. Rogeness	Richard J. Ross
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO STUDY SMART GROWTH HOUSING PROJECTS.

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

1 There is hereby established a special task force to study the feasi-
2 bility of streamlining approval and the permitting of smart growth
3 zoning and housing production, under chapter 40R. The task force
4 shall consist of seven members: one of whom shall be the director of
5 the department of housing and community development, or his
6 designee; one of whom shall be the commissioner of the department
7 of environmental protection, or his designee; one of whom shall be
8 the commissioner of the division of capital asset management, or his
9 designee; one of whom shall be the chairperson of the Massachusetts
10 association of regional planning agencies, or his designee; one of
11 whom shall be the president of the Massachusetts municipal associa-
12 tion, or his designee; one of whom shall be the house chair to the
13 committee on housing, or his designee; and, one of whom shall be
14 the senate chair to the committee on housing, or his designee. The
15 director of the department of housing and community development
16 shall serve as the chairperson of the task force.

17 The task force shall report to the Governor and the general court
18 the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if
19 any, together with drafts of legislation to carry its recommendations
20 into effect, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house
21 of representatives on or before May 1, 2008.