

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1261

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others that cities and towns be authorized to increase the density of property zoned for residential usage to provide additional affordable housing units. Housing.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Karyn E. Polito
Mary S. Rogeness	Richard J. Ross
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Susan Williams Gifford
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ZONING DENSITY.

*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 9 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the  
3 second paragraph the following:—  
4 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a  
5 zoning ordinance or by-law may allow, without a special permit,  
6 increases in the permissible density or intensity of residential use in  
7 a proposed development to the maximum extent stated in the ordi-  
8 nance or by-law, pursuant to provisions that authorize such increases  
9 for the purpose of promoting the creation of additional units of  
10 affordable housing in mixed income housing developments or  
11 mixed-use developments, or for the purpose of promoting other  
12 public purposes specifically stated in the zoning ordinance or  
13 by-law.