

HOUSE No. 1282

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Barbara Hopwood for legislation to establish an advisory commission on condominiums. Housing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CONDOMINIUMS.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 213 the
3 following section:—

4 Section 214. There shall be a condominium association commis-
5 sion, hereinafter called the commission which shall consist of 7
6 members, 3 of whom shall be condominium owners with one repre-
7 sentative of an association with less than 100 units and 1 of whom
8 shall be a member of the city council at large. At least 1 of the
9 appointees shall be a real estate manager and at least one shall be a
10 certified public accountant. There shall also be a member consisting
11 of the attorney general or his designee. The commission shall iden-
12 tify issues pertaining to condominiums and shall develop recommen-
13 dations for means of dealing with these issues. The commission shall
14 receive input from the public regarding issues of concern with
15 respect to condominiums and receive recommendations for any
16 changes to be made in the condominium law. The issues that the
17 commission shall consider shall also include, but not be limited to,
18 the rights and responsibilities of the unit owners in relation to the
19 rights and responsibilities of the association. The commission shall
20 review, evaluate and advise the governor concerning revisions and
21 adoption of rules affecting condominiums. The commission shall
22 also receive complaints from condominium owners and if appro-
23 priate, may make recommendations for their resolution. The mem-
24 bers of the commission shall be appointed initially for terms of one,
25 two, three, four, and five years respectively, as the governor may

26 designate. Upon the expiration of the terms of a member, his or her
27 successor shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and
28 consent of the council, for a term of five years. Members of the com-
29 mission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be
30 reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the perfor-
31 mance of their duties. Said commission shall be provided with suit-
32 able quarters in the state house or elsewhere, and the governor shall
33 provide secretarial, clerical and such other services as he deems nec-
34 essary to carry out the purposes of this section. The commission
35 shall file a report annually with the governor, the general court and
36 the attorney general about its activities and recommendations if any,
37 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
38 mendations into effect.