

HOUSE No. 1916

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, petition of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to regulate the use of certain funds in cities and towns for compliance with the Americans with Disability Act . Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ADA COMPLIANCE IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

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. Section 22G of Chapter 40 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after “and shall be used solely for the benefit of persons
4 with disabilities” the following:—
5 “by utilizing said funds for the sole purpose of funding projects
6 to assist in making public property and buildings in the city or
7 town ADA complaint”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 22G of Chapter 40 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following section:—
4 Any city or town acting under this section shall establish a
5 special commission for the purpose of conducting an investigation
6 and study of the needs of said city or town. The special commis-
7 sion shall consist of 1 member from the local zoning board,
8 1 member of the planning board, 2 members of the commission on
9 disabilities, and the chief executive or his designee. The special
10 commission shall present the findings of its investigation and pro-
11 vide a master plan of the implementation ADA laws in the city or
12 town.