

HOUSE No. 3762

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others for legislation to include certain long-term units in the town of Norton in calculating affordable housing. Housing. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Elizabeth A. Poirier
Steven J. D'Amico

F. Jay Barrows

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE TOWN OF NORTON.

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. Notwithstanding any special or General Laws to the
2 contrary, low and moderate income housing in the town of Norton
3 shall include all 68 long-term units of affordable housing provided
4 and operated by the North Cottage Program which conducts residen-
5 tial and day programs in the town of Norton for the purpose of
6 housing and treating individuals recovering from drug and alcohol
7 addictions. Because the housing provided by the North Cottage Pro-
8 gram provides equivalent or greater affordable housing opportunities
9 to group home units for clients and accessory apartments equivalent
10 or similar to what is defined as low or moderate income housing
11 under the General Laws and regulations, the number of such units
12 shall be included in any calculation by the town of Norton or the
13 Norton zoning board of appeals to determine the percentage of low
14 and moderate income housing in the town. This act shall also apply
15 to any pending application submitted prior to its effective date.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.