

SENATE NO. 749



RELATIVE TO THE COUNTING OF CERTAIN RESIDENCES AS HOUSING

*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 15 of Chapter 19, of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

3 (k) to collect and maintain information of the number of group home units in each community
4 and report such information, including the location of such group home units, to the department
5 of housing and community development on an annual basis. Such location shall be held by the
6 department of housing community development subject to chapter 66A.

7 SECTION 2. Clause (b) of section 15 of chapter 19B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
8 hereby amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:-

9 The department of mental retardation shall report the number of group home units in each city
10 or town on an annual basis to the department of housing and community development. The
11 department of mental retardation shall also report the location of such group homes to the

12 department of housing and community development. Such location shall be held by the
13 department of housing and community development subject to chapter 66A.

14 SECTION 3. Section 20 of Chapter 40B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
15 amended by inserting in the following language at the end thereof:-

16 “Group Homes”, all group home units with twelve or less residents of the department of mental
17 health or the department of mental retardation in each city or town as reported by said
18 departments shall be reported annually to the department of housing and community
19 development and be eligible to be included toward the city or town’s affordable housing
20 threshold.”