

# SENATE NO. 1084

## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO SET GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR HOUSING FOR DISABLED ADULTS

*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 law to the contrary, a commission shall be established to  
2 study how to address the need for housing for mentally disabled adults in every city or town in  
3 the Commonwealth. Said commission, which shall be called “the Commission on Housing for  
4 the Mentally Disabled”, from here on known as “the Commission”, shall consist of the  
5 Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation, or his designee, the Commissioner of  
6 the Department of Mental Health or his designee, the Executive Director of the Community  
7 Economic Development Assistance Corporation, or his designee, three members of the House  
8 of Representatives to be chosen by the Speaker, one of which shall be a member of the minority  
9 party, three members of the Senate, to be chosen by the Senate President, one of which shall be  
10 a member of the minority party, two members appointed by the Governor, one of which shall be  
11 a legal guardian for a resident of said housing and one of which shall be a human service  
12 provider. The Commission will be directed to establish fair and suitable guidelines for the state  
13 subsidized development costs for housing for mentally disabled adults, as well as establish an

- 14 index for the cost of housing in each city and town in which such property resides. The
- 15 Commission will report its findings to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2008.