

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**William N. Brownsberger**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act incorporating the Commonwealth's sustainable development principles into the policies of executive and quasi-public agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

24th Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT INCORPORATING THE COMMONWEALTH'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES INTO THE POLICIES OF EXECUTIVE AND QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make to encourage the coordination and cooperation of all agencies, invest public funds wisely in smart growth and equitable development, and give priority to investments that will deliver good jobs and good wages, transit access, housing and open space,, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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.** As used in this section the following words shall have the following  
2 meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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4 “Executive Agencies” shall include, without limitation, all agencies within the Executive branch  
5 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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7 “Independent Agencies,” shall include, without limitation: the Massachusetts Turnpike  
8 Authority; the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; the Massachusetts Technology  
9 Collaborative; the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; the Massachusetts Convention  
10 Center Authority; the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency; the Massachusetts Health  
11 and Educational Facilities Authority; the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency; the  
12 Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund; the Massachusetts Port Authority, and the  
13 Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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15 “Sustainable Development Principles” shall mean the following principles adopted by the  
16 Commonwealth of Massachusetts: concentrate development and mix uses; advance equity; make  
17 efficient decisions; protect land and ecosystems; use natural resources wisely; expand housing

18 opportunities; provide transportation choice; increase job and business opportunities; promote  
19 clean energy; and plan regionally.

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21 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, the enabling statutes of Executive  
22 Agencies and Independent Agencies are hereby amended to include the following language:

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24 In carrying out its duties, including establishing priorities for capital expenditures, developing  
25 new funding programs, expanding geographic boundaries, or adopting program regulations or  
26 guidelines, the agency shall take all feasible steps to conform with the Commonwealth's  
27 Sustainable Development Principles.

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