

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth Poirier

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 relative to affordable housing in the town of Norton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Elizabeth Poirier

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3762 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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