

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 Extending the Use of the Sixth Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Karen E. Spilka

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex and Norfolk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT EXTENDING THE USE OF THE SIXTH EDITION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BUILDING CODE .

Whereas, the deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make to effect the orderly and equitable transition between the Sixth and Seventh Editions of the Massachusetts State Building Code, 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary or any contrary
2 provision of any regulation or policy adopted by the state board of building regulations and
3 standards, there shall be an eighteen month concurrency period allowed following the September
4 1, 2008 effective date of the Seventh Edition of the Massachusetts State Building Code during
5 which an applicant for a building permit may choose by a written statement on its application to
6 conform to either the Sixth Edition or Seventh Edition, without mixing provisions, provided that,
7 for applicants choosing to conform to the Sixth Edition, construction under any permit so issued
8 is actively prosecuted within six months of the date of issuance of the permit.