

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brown, Scott (SEN)

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 the counting of certain residences as affordable housing

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Brown, Scott (SEN)	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Mr. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Mr. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Mr. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Mr. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00749 OF .]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COUNTING OF CERTAIN RESIDENCES AS AFFORDABLE
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, is hereby amended by
2 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 economic development on an annual basis. Such location shall be held by the
6 department of housing and economic development subject to chapter 66A.

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

9 The department of developmental services shall report the number of group home units in each
10 city or town on an annual basis to the department of housing and economic development. The

11 department of developmental services shall also report the location of such group homes to the
12 department of housing and economic development. Such location shall be held by the
13 department of housing and economic development subject to chapter 66A.

14 SECTION 3. Section 20 of Chapter 40B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
15 inserting 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 developmental services in each city or town as reported by said
18 departments shall be reported annually to the department of housing and economic development
19 and be eligible to be included toward the city or town’s affordable housing threshold.”