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LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 1, 2012?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate state criminal and civil penalties for the medical use of marijuana by qualifying patients. To qualify, a patient must have been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition, such as cancer, glaucoma, HIV-positive status or AIDS, hepatitis C, Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, ALS, or multiple sclerosis. The patient would also have to obtain a written certification, from a physician with whom the patient has a bona fide physician-patient relationship, that the patient has a specific debilitating medical condition and would likely obtain a net benefit from medical use of marijuana.

The proposed law would allow patients to possess up to a 60-day supply of marijuana for their personal medical use. The state Department of Public Health (DPH) would decide what amount would be a 60-day supply. A patient could designate a personal caregiver, at least 21 years old, who could assist with the patient's medical use of marijuana but would be prohibited from consuming that marijuana. Patients and caregivers would have to register with DPH by submitting the physician's certification.

The proposed law would allow for non-profit medical marijuana treatment centers to grow, process and provide marijuana to patients or their caregivers. A treatment center would have to apply for a DPH registration by (1) paying a fee to offset DPH's administrative costs; (2) identifying its location and one additional location, if any, where marijuana would be grown; and (3) submitting operating procedures, consistent with rules to be issued by DPH, including cultivation and storage of marijuana only in enclosed, locked facilities.

A treatment center's personnel would have to register with DPH before working or volunteering at the center, be at least 21 years old, and have no felony drug convictions. In 2013, there could be no more than 35 treatment centers, with at least one but not more than five centers in each county. In later years, DPH could modify the number of centers.

The proposed law would require DPH to issue a cultivation registration to a qualifying patient whose access to a treatment center is limited by financial hardship, physical inability to access reasonable transportation, or distance. This would allow the patient or caregiver to grow only enough plants, in a closed, locked facility, for a 60-day supply of marijuana for the patient's own use.

DPH could revoke any registration for a willful violation of the proposed law. Fraudulent use of a DPH registration could be punished by up to six months in a house of correction or a fine of up to \$500, and fraudulent use of a registration for the sale, distribution, or trafficking of marijuana for non-medical use for profit could be punished by up to five years in state prison or by two and one-half years in a house of correction.

The proposed law would (1) not give immunity under federal law or obstruct federal enforcement of federal law; (2) not supersede Massachusetts laws prohibiting possession, cultivation, or sale of marijuana for nonmedical purposes; (3) not allow the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana; (4) not require any health insurer or government entity to reimburse for the costs of the medical use of marijuana; (5) not require any health care professional to authorize the medical use of marijuana; (6) not require any accommodation of the medical use of marijuana in any workplace, school bus or grounds, youth center, or correctional facility; and (7) not require any accommodation of smoking marijuana in any public place.

The proposed law would take effect January 1, 2013, and states that if any of its part were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would enact the proposed law eliminating state criminal and civil penalties related to the medical use of marijuana, allowing patients meeting certain conditions to obtain marijuana produced and distributed by new state-regulated centers or, in specific hardship cases, to grow marijuana for their own use.

A NO VOTE would make no change in existing laws.

Aggregate of Votes						Total Ballots
	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%
BARNSTABLE	76,762	57.43%	50,856	38.05%	6,037	4.52%
BERKSHIRE	40,695	62.77%	20,332	31.36%	3,805	5.87%
BRISTOL.....	142,432	58.52%	84,331	34.67%	16,567	6.81%
DUKES.....	7,784	70.58%	2,725	24.71%	520	4.71%
ESEX.....	216,049	58.69%	134,969	36.67%	17,084	4.64%
FRANKLIN.....	26,062	68.54%	10,443	27.46%	1,521	4.00%
HAMPDEN.....	115,818	57.37%	77,123	38.20%	8,942	4.43%
HAMPSHIRE.....	57,182	69.55%	21,273	25.87%	3,760	4.57%
MIDDLESEX.....	464,186	61.29%	253,532	33.47%	39,662	5.24%
NANTUCKET	4,356	70.89%	1,439	23.42%	350	5.70%
NORFOLK	208,599	58.23%	132,532	36.99%	17,132	4.78%
PLYMOUTH.....	150,695	58.47%	96,330	37.38%	10,709	4.16%
SUFFOLK.....	184,331	63.42%	85,701	29.48%	20,642	7.10%
WORCESTER.....	219,796	59.27%	137,258	37.01%	13,814	3.72%
TOTALS.....	1,914,747	60.13%	1,108,904	34.83%	160,545	5.04%
						3,184,196

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	14,622	9,806	1,306	25,734
Bourne	5,874	4,041	359	10,274
Brewster	3,857	2,386	336	6,579
Crewster	2,599	1,826	229	4,654
Dennis	5,057	3,799	466	9,322
Eastham	2,228	1,349	125	3,702
Falmouth	11,575	7,216	852	19,643
Harwich	3,193	3,193	367	8,205
Mashpee	4,627	3,346	369	8,342
Orleans	2,693	1,675	180	4,548
Provincetown	1,939	349	102	2,390
Sandwich	6,913	5,252	387	12,552
Truro	1,089	340	47	1,476
Wellfleet	1,645	536	72	2,253
Yarmouth	7,399	5,742	840	13,981
TOTALS	76,762	50,856	6,037	133,655

Berkshire County				
Adams	2,340	1,409	182	3,931
Alford	224	69	13	306
Becket	709	227	39	975
Cheshire	1,066	610	85	1,761
Clarksburg	483	341	41	865
Dalton	1,989	1,322	106	3,417
Egremont	597	197	50	844
Florida	240	114	39	393
Great Barrington	2,424	1,047	150	3,621
Hancock	241	116	26	383
Hinsdale	669	339	59	1,067
Lanesborough	1,017	529	66	1,612
Lee	1,808	1,022	170	3,000
Lenox	1,833	1,034	212	3,079
Monterey	367	143	26	536
Mount Washington	88	17	5	110
New Ashford	100	44	11	155
New Marlborough	600	211	31	842
NORTH ADAMS	3,645	1,710	456	5,811
Otis	566	236	32	834

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Aquinnah	240	55	4	299
Chilmark	558	146	34	738
Edgartown	1,686	746	152	2,584
Gosnold	65	18	4	87
Oak Bluffs	1,855	787	166	2,808
Tisbury	1,793	624	106	2,523
West Tisbury	1,587	349	54	1,990
TOTALS	7,784	2,725	520	11,029
Essex County				
Amesbury	5,709	2,500	314	8,523
Andover	11,170	7,065	595	18,830
Beverly	12,690	7,460	870	21,020
Boxford	3,000	175	175	5,193
Danvers	8,344	5,903	391	14,638
Essex	1,418	674	88	2,180
Georgetown	2,969	1,827	151	4,947
GLOUCESTER	9,951	4,771	967	15,689
Groveland	2,375	1,466	161	4,002
Hamilton	2,672	1,703	154	4,529
HAVERHILL	16,932	9,660	1,531	28,123
Ipswich	5,212	2,801	400	8,413
LAWRENCE	9,927	10,475	1,650	22,052
LYNN	18,446	12,293	1,518	32,257
Lynnfield	3,801	3,171	320	7,292
Manchester-by-the-Sea	2,255	1,165	123	3,543
Marblehead	8,400	3,873	431	12,704
Merrimac	2,200	1,230	174	3,604
Methuen	11,680	8,748	1,244	21,672
Middleton	2,654	1,818	184	4,656
Nahant	1,458	767	95	2,320
Newbury	3,035	1,351	95	4,481
NEWBURYPORT	7,496	3,073	494	11,063
North Andover	8,865	5,903	575	15,343
PEABODY	14,368	11,093	1,655	27,116

Peru.....	335	128	12	475	Rockport.....	3,166	1,412	196	4,774
PITTSFIELD.....	12,284	6,490	1,409	20,183	Rowley.....	2,241	1,231	122	3,594
Richmond.....	589	293	63	945	SALEM.....	12,465	6,571	811	19,847
Sandisfield.....	310	132	19	461	Salisbury.....	2,794	1,317	203	4,314
Savoy.....	229	115	15	359	Saugus.....	7,559	5,642	620	13,821
Sheffield.....	1,227	525	90	1,842	Swampscott.....	5,359	2,562	379	8,300
Stockbridge.....	804	329	84	1,217	Topsfield.....	2,291	1,571	230	4,092
Tyringham.....	147	101	13	261	Wenham.....	1,345	957	71	2,373
Washington.....	208	100	12	320	West Newbury.....	1,802	898	97	2,797
West Stockbridge.....	506	235	148	889					
Williamstown.....	2,703	984	123	3,810	TOTALS.....	216,049	134,969	17,084	368,102
Windsor.....	347	163	18	528					
TOTALS.....	40,695	20,332	3,805	64,832					

Bristol County

Acushnet.....	2,969	2,062	367	5,398	Ashfield.....	876	219	35	1,130
ATTALEBORO.....	11,683	6,506	1,240	19,429	Barnardston.....	710	401	70	1,181
Berkley.....	2,049	1,163	126	3,338	Buckland.....	636	375	44	1,055
Dartmouth.....	9,846	5,527	826	16,199	Charlмонт.....	446	173	24	643
Dighton.....	2,212	1,314	160	3,686	Colrain.....	617	247	29	893
Easton.....	7,096	4,503	547	12,146	Conway.....	956	274	30	1,260
Fairhaven.....	5,138	2,666	487	8,291	Deerfield.....	2,000	927	109	3,036
FALL RIVER.....	15,932	10,339	3,982	30,253	Erving.....	519	229	30	778
Freetown.....	2,927	1,604	170	4,701	Gill.....	609	249	42	900
Mansfield.....	7,299	4,270	590	12,159	Greenfield.....	5,762	2,308	404	8,474
NEW BEDFORD.....	19,251	11,279	3,124	33,654	Hawley.....	143	48	10	201
North Attleborough.....	8,752	5,047	536	14,335	Heath.....	290	131	14	435
Norton.....	5,745	3,096	288	9,129	Leverett.....	994	218	30	1,242
Raynham.....	3,983	2,712	321	7,016	Leyden.....	314	133	16	463
Rehoboth.....	3,905	2,118	319	6,342	Monroe.....	32	19	2	53
Seekonk.....	4,478	2,465	397	7,340	Montague.....	2,947	1,154	152	4,253
Somerset.....	5,686	3,715	705	10,106	New Salem.....	408	177	23	608
Swansea.....	4,762	2,838	344	7,944	Northfield.....	1,066	520	52	1,638
TAUNTON.....	13,557	8,271	1,405	23,233	Orange.....	1,964	1,132	173	3,269
Westport.....	5,162	2,896	633	8,691	Rowe.....	150	81	12	243
TOTALS.....	142,432	84,391	16,567	243,390	Shelburne.....	823	274	55	1,152
					Shutesbury.....	1,037	186	36	1,259
					Sunderland.....	1,324	496	57	1,877
					Warwick.....	311	123	24	458
					Wendell.....	468	78	15	561
					Whately.....	660	271	33	964
					TOTALS.....	26,062	10,443	1,521	38,026

Franklin County

Ashfield.....	876	219	35	1,130
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Hampden County				
Agawam.....	8,225	5,592	626	14,443
Blanford.....	1,427	223	17	667
Brimfield.....	1,256	741	57	2,054
Chester.....	398	257	12	667
CHICOPEE.....	13,143	9,082	979	23,204
East Longmeadow.....	4,774	3,458	528	8,760
Granville.....	550	294	56	900
Hampden.....	1,649	1,076	193	2,918
Holland.....	840	435	59	1,334
HOLYOKE.....	9,587	6,185	799	16,571
Longmeadow.....	5,136	3,536	340	9,518
Ludlow.....	5,642	3,985	605	9,726
Monson.....	2,754	1,427	133	4,314
Montgomery.....	327	169	14	510
Palmer.....	3,274	2,150	242	5,666
Russell.....	502	260	35	797
Southwick.....	2,816	1,881	241	4,938
SPRINGFIELD.....	32,978	20,908	1,857	55,743
Tolland.....	178	90	11	279
Wales.....	622	281	32	935
West Springfield.....	6,142	4,611	842	11,595
WESTFIELD.....	10,236	7,017	722	17,975
Wilbraham.....	4,362	3,465	542	8,369
TOTALS.....	115,818	77,123	8,942	201,883
Hampshire County				
Amherst.....	12,391	2,540	589	15,520
Belchertown.....	4,919	2,488	298	7,705
Chesterfield.....	21	172	21	723
Cummington.....	401	116	21	538
Easthampton.....	6,128	2,629	322	9,079
Goshen.....	410	188	18	616
Granby.....	2,114	1,281	136	3,531
Hadley.....	1,988	983	139	3,130
Hatfield.....	1,323	675	51	2,049
Huntington.....	721	370	22	1,113
Middlesex County (cont.)				
MELROSE.....	9,344	5,404	888	15,636
Natick.....	11,815	6,378	671	18,864
NEWTON.....	30,520	12,139	2,522	45,201
North Reading.....	4,941	3,519	344	8,804
Pepperell.....	4,028	2,307	193	6,528
Reading.....	8,230	5,785	433	14,448
Sherborn.....	1,659	933	97	2,689
Shirley.....	1,979	995	172	3,146
Somerville.....	26,013	7,390	2,087	35,490
Stoneham.....	7,004	4,976	545	12,525
Stow.....	2,668	1,430	190	4,288
Sudbury.....	6,703	3,587	389	10,679
Tewksbury.....	9,016	6,651	592	16,259
Townsend.....	3,085	1,683	188	4,956
Tyngsborough.....	3,678	2,398	259	6,335
Wakefield.....	7,534	6,326	759	14,619
WALTHAM.....	15,095	8,220	2,086	25,401
Watertown.....	10,895	4,927	1,041	16,863
Wayland.....	5,199	2,778	333	8,310
Westford.....	7,548	5,071	357	12,976
Weston.....	4,044	2,374	302	6,720
Wilmington.....	6,983	4,989	631	12,603
Winchester.....	7,605	4,766	606	12,977
WOBURN.....	10,705	7,525	1,256	19,486
TOTALS.....	464,186	253,532	39,662	757,380
Nantucket County				
Nantucket.....	4,356	1,439	350	6,145
TOTALS.....	4,356	1,439	350	6,145

Middlefield.....	209	82	3	294	Norfolk County	1,363	954	96	2,413
NORTHAMPTON.....	12,381	2,844	1,202	16,427	Avon.....	3,298	3,866	1,420	8,584
Pelham.....	689	169	36	894	Bellingham.....	10,689	8,023	959	19,671
Plainfield.....	295	79	18	392	Brantree.....	20,590	6,727	1,472	28,789
South Hadley.....	5,411	3,103	405	8,919	Brookline.....	7,173	4,835	463	12,471
Southampton.....	2,213	1,210	133	3,556	Canton.....	2,994	1,733	191	4,918
Ware.....	2,563	1,515	223	4,301	Cohasset.....	7,827	5,101	838	13,766
Westhampton.....	725	314	25	1,064	Dedham.....	2,027	1,438	128	3,593
Williamsburg.....	1,261	320	53	1,634	Dorchester.....	5,721	3,756	306	9,783
Worthington.....	510	195	25	730	Foxborough.....	10,430	6,320	796	17,546
TOTALS.....	57,182	21,273	3,760	82,215	Franklin.....	3,188	2,029	329	5,546
Middlesex County					Holbrook.....	4,063	3,081	326	7,470
Acton.....	7,602	4,051	369	12,022	Medfield.....	4,538	2,535	222	7,295
Arlington.....	17,084	7,998	1,171	26,253	Medway.....	2,940	1,671	164	4,775
Ashby.....	1,188	568	87	1,843	Millis.....	9,104	6,171	692	15,967
Ashland.....	5,255	3,063	257	8,575	Milton.....	10,103	6,313	1,010	17,426
Ayer.....	2,318	1,196	154	3,668	Needham.....	3,518	2,058	165	5,741
Bedford.....	4,631	2,719	369	7,719	Norfolk.....	7,894	6,238	808	14,940
Belmont.....	9,046	4,627	717	14,390	Norwood.....	2,699	1,611	178	4,488
Billerica.....	11,831	7,619	796	20,246	Plainville.....	23,964	15,376	1,294	40,634
Boxborough.....	1,812	1,043	110	2,965	QUINCY.....	8,045	5,755	1,391	15,191
Burlington.....	7,263	5,603	542	13,408	Randolph.....	7,247	2,928	923	10,398
Cambridge.....	37,237	9,761	3,751	50,749	Sharon.....	8,054	5,278	657	13,989
Carlisle.....	2,210	1,041	123	3,374	Stoughton.....	7,513	6,172	418	14,103
Chelmsford.....	10,921	7,993	750	19,664	Walpole.....	8,749	5,538	894	15,181
Concord.....	7,080	3,559	416	11,055	Wellesley.....	5,003	3,639	487	9,129
Concord.....	8,132	6,334	853	15,319	Westwood.....	16,044	11,058	987	28,089
Dunstable.....	1,181	667	53	1,901	Weymouth.....	3,821	2,328	218	6,367
EVERETT.....	6,480	5,225	1,536	13,241	Wrentham.....	208,599	132,532	17,132	358,263
Framingham.....	17,162	9,409	1,492	28,063	TOTALS.....				
Groton.....	4,061	3,342	342	6,362					
Holliston.....	5,230	2,872	234	8,336					
Hopkinton.....	5,308	3,136	259	8,703					
Hudson.....	6,069	3,551	460	10,080					
Lexington.....	11,494	6,035	910	18,439					
Lincoln.....	2,495	3,750	153	3,750					
Littleton.....	3,384	1,878	179	5,441					
LOWELL.....	19,128	13,685	1,413	34,226					
MALDEN.....	11,716	7,452	2,037	21,205					
MARLBOROUGH.....	9,897	5,910	1,014	16,821					
Maynard.....	3,828	1,759	230	5,817					
Medford.....	16,852	9,146	1,944	27,942					

Plymouth County					Worcester County				
Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots		Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	
4,888	3,136	319	8,343	Abington	2,069	1,057	128	3,254	Ashburnham
7,047	4,523	545	12,115	Bridgewater	2,817	1,789	164	4,770	Athol
18,009	13,046	3,430	34,485	BROCKTON	5,146	3,367	359	8,872	Auburn
3,629	2,820	137	6,086	Carver	1,714	932	62	2,708	Barre
5,666	3,734	299	9,699	Duxbury	1,133	623	58	1,814	Berlin
4,384	2,762	220	7,366	East Bridgewater	2,721	1,468	155	4,344	Blackstone
1,544	1,544	151	4,104	Halifax	1,908	1,125	53	3,086	Bolton
4,557	3,511	328	8,396	Hanover	1,635	985	73	2,693	Boylston
3,306	2,192	127	5,625	Hanson	1,032	642	69	1,743	Brookfield
8,155	5,537	559	14,251	Hingham	4,040	2,490	216	6,746	Charlton
4,102	1,769	240	6,111	Hull	3,972	2,285	309	6,566	Clinton
4,093	2,671	242	7,006	Kingston	2,898	1,531	115	4,544	Douglas
3,462	2,228	211	5,901	Lakeville	3,056	1,893	169	5,118	Dudley
1,976	1,135	130	3,241	Marion	649	478	30	1,157	East Brookfield
9,069	5,627	459	15,155	Marshfield	8,556	5,530	467	14,553	FITCHBURG
2,440	1,413	225	4,078	Mattapoisett	4,779	3,142	358	8,279	GARDNER
6,929	4,143	554	11,626	Middleborough	5,554	3,763	213	9,530	Grafton
3,771	2,554	185	6,510	Norwell	832	467	23	1,322	Harwick
5,924	3,645	272	9,841	Pembroke	2,392	1,114	136	3,642	Harvard
18,644	10,952	525	30,121	Plymouth	6,299	3,970	340	10,609	Holden
1,101	593	58	1,752	Plympton	2,027	1,177	110	3,314	Hopedale
1,848	1,151	147	3,146	Rochester	1,616	884	131	2,631	Hubbardston
5,178	3,886	267	8,831	Rockland	2,198	1,427	118	3,743	Lancaster
6,830	4,289	364	11,483	Schuata	3,297	2,096	202	5,595	Leicester
6,526	4,059	391	10,976	Wareham	10,512	7,302	959	18,773	LEOMINSTER
2,279	1,577	133	3,989	West Bridgewater	3,630	2,120	198	5,948	Lunenburg
4,473	2,833	191	7,497	Whitman	2,116	1,235	87	3,438	Mendon
150,695	96,330	10,709	257,734	TOTALS	7,520	4,830	601	12,951	Millford
					4,039	2,542	246	6,827	Millbury
					994	505	66	1,565	Millville
					343	196	21	560	New Braintree
					1,447	885	54	2,386	North Brookfield
164,968	73,011	17,042	255,021	BOSTON	4,977	3,166	367	8,510	Northborough
4,595	2,983	1,065	8,643	CHELSEA	4,457	3,000	272	7,729	Northbridge
9,303	6,772	1,939	18,014	REVERE	727	389	36	1,152	Oakham
5,465	2,935	596	8,996	Winthrop					
184,331	85,701	20,642	290,674	TOTALS					
Suffolk County									
164,968	73,011	17,042	255,021	BOSTON					
4,595	2,983	1,065	8,643	CHELSEA					
9,303	6,772	1,939	18,014	REVERE					
5,465	2,935	596	8,996	Winthrop					
184,331	85,701	20,642	290,674	TOTALS					

Oxford	4,034	2,346	163	6,543
Paxton	1,508	995	57	2,560
Petersham	537	252	33	822
Phillipston	608	316	31	955
Princeton	1,504	762	64	2,330
Royalston	453	205	20	678
Rutland	2,779	1,610	126	4,515
Shrewsbury	10,286	7,170	798	18,254
Southborough	3,577	2,101	189	5,867
Southbridge	3,833	2,658	242	6,733
Spencer	3,326	2,075	174	5,575
Sterling	2,877	1,813	153	4,843
Sturbridge	3,169	1,992	137	5,298
Sutton	3,217	2,003	182	5,402
Templeton	2,192	1,504	118	3,814
Upton	2,683	1,474	85	4,242
Uxbridge	4,329	2,659	234	7,222
Warren	1,383	817	128	2,328
Webster	3,968	2,515	279	6,762
West Boylston	2,397	1,674	144	4,215
West Brookfield	1,183	731	48	1,962
Westborough	5,369	3,347	541	9,257
Westminster	2,550	1,581	179	4,310
Winchendon	2,309	1,708	184	4,201
WORCESTER	36,623	22,545	2,540	61,708
TOTALS	219,796	137,258	13,814	370,868

Shall the amendments to the Hampshire Council of Governments Charter proposed by the Council of Governments councilors be enacted?

SUMMARY

The revisions to the Hampshire Council of Governments Charter proposed by the Council of Governments councilors would modify administrative and procedural provisions regarding membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments and the adoption of organization plans for Hampshire Council of Governments departments and agencies. The proposed revisions would also modify the term of office and the number of councilors. Lastly, the proposed revisions would clarify the powers and duties of the councilors, the qualifications and responsibilities of the chief administrative officer, delete transitional provisions that are no longer needed, alter the titles of the chief administrative officer and the chief financial officer, and correct typographical errors and inconsistencies in the Charter.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Belchertown.....	4,577	1,270	1,858	7,705
Chesterfield.....	421	107	195	723
Cummington.....	311	52	175	538
Goshen.....	360	94	162	616
Granby.....	1,952	643	936	3,531
Hadley.....	1,912	467	751	3,130
Hatfield.....	1,275	330	444	2,049
Huntington.....	657	176	280	1,113
Middlefield.....	179	62	53	294
Pelham.....	587	58	249	894
Plainfield.....	237	47	108	392
South Hadley.....	5,208	1,515	2,196	8,919
Southampton.....	2,181	608	767	3,556
Westhampton.....	615	212	237	1,064
Williamsburg.....	1,089	175	370	1,634
TOTALS.....	21,561	5,816	8,781	36,158

Shall the City of Beverly accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (Act), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites, and (3) create affordable housing.

In Beverly, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1 % on the annual property tax assessed on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the City of Beverly, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to city council on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use) (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

The question is approved and the statute accepted if a majority of the voters voting on the ballot question vote 'yes.'

In the City of Beverly

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
BEVERLY	10,086	9,178	1,756	21,020
TOTALS.....	10,086	9,178	1,756	21,020

Shall the City of Fall River accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive of Chapter 44b of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

The Community Preservation Act (hereinafter 'Act') establishes a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to (1) acquire, create or preserve open space, which includes land for parks and recreational uses, beaches and conservation areas, (2) acquire, preserve or restore historic buildings and sites, including historic parks, and (3) help meet local families' housing needs.

In the City of Fall River, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. The Commonwealth provides these funds only to communities adopting the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the City of Fall River, as defined in Section 2 of the Act; and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a full or partial reduction in the surcharge.

Upon acceptance of the Act by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to the City Council for approval on spending the funds.

In the City of Fall River

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
FALL RIVER	14,197	10,337	5,719	30,253
TOTALS.....	14,197	10,337	5,719	30,253

Shall the Town of Duxbury exempt the first \$100,000 of assessed value of residential real property from the surcharge levied pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. c. 44B, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 44B, §3(e)(3) and approved by its legislative body (Town Meeting), beginning on July 1, 2013?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, known as the Community Preservation Act ('CPA'), establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and support local affordable housing needs. In Duxbury, the CPA is currently funded by an additional excise of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property, and by annual distribution from the state. The CPA permits towns to adopt certain exclusions, including the exclusion proposed here. If voting yes to the above ballot question, you are voting to reduce the assessed value of all taxable residential real property by \$100,000, thereby lowering the amount calculated at 3% to determine the annual CPA tax levy. If voting no, you are voting to keep the assessment calculation the same.

In the Town of Duxbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Duxbury	6,263	2,629	807	9,699
TOTALS.....	6,263	2,629	807	9,699

Shall the Town of Somerset accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the 'Act'), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire, create, and preserve open space, which includes conservation areas and land for the protection of public drinking water supplies; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic resources; (3) acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore land for recreational uses, which includes parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields; (4) acquire, create, preserve, and support community housing; and (5) rehabilitate and restore open space and community housing acquired as provided in the Act.

In the Town of Somerset, the funding sources for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of one per cent (1%) on the annual property tax assessed on real property commencing in the fiscal year 2014 and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other law shall be exempt from any surcharge established under chapter 44B, section 3, of said General Laws. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property pursuant to said chapter 59 or any other law shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of such abatement.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs to make annual recommendations to the Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least ten per cent (10%) of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space; (2) historic resources; and (3) community housing.

If a majority of the voters voting on the ballot question vote in the affirmative, then its provisions shall take effect in the town, but not otherwise.

Shall the City of Salem accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (Act), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to (1) acquire, create or preserve open space, which includes land for parks, recreational uses and conservation areas, (2) rehabilitate local parks, playgrounds and athletic fields, (3) acquire, preserve or restore historic buildings and artifacts, and (4) help meet local families' housing needs.

In Salem, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property, additional municipal funds that may be committed by the city council as provided in Section 3(b ½) of Chapter 44B, and annual distributions made by the State from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Salem as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (3) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property and class four, industrial property as defined in Section 2A of Chapter 59. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a full or partial reduction in the surcharge.

By way of example, a single family home with an assessed value of \$293,900 without any exemption or abatement would be surcharged approximately \$30.31 per year if accepted by the City of Salem (Source: City Assessor based on average single family home value and FY12 tax rate of \$15.63 per \$1000).

Upon acceptance of the Act by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to the City Council for approval on spending the funds.

In the City of Salem

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
SALEM	9,762	8,169	1,916	19,847
TOTALS	9,762	8,169	1,916	19,847

In the Town of Somerset

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Great Barrington accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ('Act'), establish a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space; to acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; to acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use; to acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space and community housing acquired or created as provided under said Act. In Great Barrington, the Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of three percent (3%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state, to take effect beginning July 1, 2013. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property taxes authorized by chapter 59 or any other law will be reduced in proportion to such abatement. A Community Preservation Committee must be created by adoption of a Town by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve the recommendations before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Great Barrington

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County				
Great Barrington	2,050	1,212	359	3,621
Grand Total	2,050	1,212	359	3,621

In the Town of Somerset

QUESTION 5

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
SOMERSET	4,694	4,274	1,138	10,106
TOTALS	4,694	4,274	1,138	10,106

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Duxbury reduce the surcharge on real property pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. c. 44B, from three percent (3%) of the real estate tax levy on real property to one percent (1%), as approved by its legislative body (Town Meeting), beginning on July, 1, 2013?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, known as the Community Preservation Act ('CPA'), establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and support local affordable housing needs. In Duxbury, the CPA is currently funded by an additional excise of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property, and by annual distributions from the state. The CPA permits the town to lower that rate if accepted by voters. If voting yes to the above ballot question, you are voting to reduce the excise rate from 3% to 1% levied on the annual tax assessment for real property. If voting no, you are voting to keep the assessment calculation the same.

In the Town of Duxbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Duxbury	5,420	3,608	671	9,699
TOTALS	5,420	3,608	671	9,699

Shall the City of Somerville accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

The Community Preservation Act (hereinafter 'the Act') establishes a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire, create and preserve open space, including land for parks, recreational uses and conservation areas; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic resources, such as historic community buildings and artifacts; (3) acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use, including parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; (4) acquire, create, preserve and support community housing to help meet local families' housing needs; and (5) rehabilitate or restore open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section.

In the City of Somerville, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, other local funds committed by the Board of Aldermen for community preservation purposes subject to the limitations in Section 3(b)1/2 of Chapter 44B, and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. The Commonwealth provides these funds only to communities adopting the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Somerville as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (3) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class 3, commercial property and class 4, industrial property as defined in Section 2A of Chapter 59. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

Upon acceptance of the Act by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to the Board of Aldermen for approval on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space, (2) historic resources and (3) community housing.

In the City of Somerville

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County	24,616	7,742	3,132	35,490
SOMERVILLE.....	24,616	7,742	3,132	35,490
TOTALS.....				

Shall the Town of Milton accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 through 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the 'Act'), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to acquire, create and preserve open space; to acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; to acquire, create and preserve land for recreational use; to acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; to rehabilitate or restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in the Act; and to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes or general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

There would be a surcharge on real property of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the real estate tax levy against real property, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors. There would be two (2) exemptions from such surcharge: (1) for property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing, as defined in Section 2 of the Act, in the Town of Milton; and (2) for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property in the Town of Milton. A taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by law shall be exempt from any surcharge on real property established by the Act. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property authorized by law shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of such abatement.

Any amount of the surcharge not paid by the due date shall bear interest at the annual rate provided by applicable law. The remedies provided by law for the collection of taxes upon real estate shall apply to said surcharge on real property.

A Community Preservation Committee, consisting of not less than five (5) and not more than nine (9) members, would be established by by-law. The Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town of Milton regarding community preservation, shall consult with Milton boards in conducting such studies, shall hold one or more public informational meetings, and shall make recommendations to Town Meeting for any of the foregoing community preservation purposes, including their anticipated costs.

The funding source for the foregoing community preservation purposes would be a Community Preservation Fund, of which the Town Treasurer would be the custodian. The following monies would be deposited into that Fund: a) all funds collected from the real property surcharge or bond proceeds in

anticipation of revenue pursuant to the Act; b) all funds received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source for the purposes of the Act; and c) proceeds from the disposal of real property acquired with funds from the Community Preservation Fund. Only Town Meeting may approve expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund. The expenditure of funds from the Community Preservation Fund shall be limited to implementing the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, to providing administrative and operating expenses to that Committee, and to appropriating money to an affordable housing trust fund.

In every fiscal year, and upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, Town Meeting shall spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than ten (10%) percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund: for open space, but not including land for recreational use, not less than ten (10%) percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for historic resources, and not less than ten (10%) percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for community housing. Appropriations in any fiscal year from the Community Preservation Fund for administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee shall not exceed five (5%) percent of the annual revenues in that Fund. Funds spent from the Community Preservation Fund shall not replace existing operating funds, only augment them. The Town of Milton may appropriate money in any year from the Community Preservation Fund to an affordable housing trust fund.

In the Town of Milton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Milton	6,487	8,272	1,208	15,967
TOTALS	6,487	8,272	1,208	15,967

Shall the Town of Canton accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs.

In Canton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2014, and by annual distributions provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs will make annual recommendations on the use of the funds. The Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended, and at least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) community housing. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Canton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Canton	6,540	5,033	898	12,471
TOTALS	6,540	5,033	898	12,471

Shall the Town of West Springfield amend its acceptance of the Community Preservation Act by adopting exemption (4) of Chapter 44B of the General Laws which would exempt the first \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class 3, commercial property, and class 4, industrial property as defined in section 2A of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as approved by its legislative body?

SUMMARY

Currently, 100% of the value of commercial and industrial real estate in West Springfield is subject to a Community Preservation Act surcharge of one percent (1%) of its taxable value, while residential properties receive an exemption for the first \$100,000 of their property value. This amendment, if adopted, would in a similar manner exempt the first \$100,000 of commercial and industrial property value.

The adoption of the amendment would exempt the first \$100,000 of value of each such commercial and industrial property from the surcharge. For example, a commercial or industrial property valued at \$250,000 would pay a surcharge Based on \$150,000 rather than \$250,000 of its taxable value.

In the Town of West Springfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
West Springfield.....	5,094	4,780	1,721	11,595
Grand Total	5,094	4,780	1,721	11,595

Shall the Town of Kingston vote to amend its previous acceptance of sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, said amendment being approved under Article 8 of the Kingston June 26, 2012 Special Town Meeting?

SUMMARY

This Question involves an amendment to the Town's prior acceptance of Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), by decreasing the surcharge imposed on real property from three percent (3%) to one percent (1%) of the annual tax levy thereon, as determined by the Kingston Board of Assessors.

The Act, as accepted by the Town, establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. The following exemptions from the surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate senior income housing in the Town; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro-rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee has been created pursuant to bylaw and will make recommendations on the use of funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

As approved by the voters at the 2005 Annual Town Election, the surcharge was initially fixed at three percent (3%) of the annual tax levy assessed on real property. By vote under Article 8 of the June 26, 2012 Special Town Meeting, the Town's legislative body voted to decrease the surcharge to one percent (1%) of the annual tax levy assessed on real property, effective July 1, 2013, subject to an affirmative majority vote of the Town at the next complying State or Town Election.

By voting yes, the reduction in the surcharge shall become effective, as aforesaid.

Shall the Town of Westhampton accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters of this town, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

The Community Preservation Act establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create, preserve and rehabilitate open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Westhampton, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, by an additional surcharge of three percent (3%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Westhampton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Westhampton	464	540	60	1,064
TOTALS.....	464	540	60	1,064

In the Town of Kingston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Kingston	4,767	1,562	677	7,006
TOTALS.....	4,767	1,562	677	7,006