

HOUSE No. 1279

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin G. Honan

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to housing service coordinators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1279) of Kevin G. Honan and others relative to housing service coordinators. Housing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to housing service coordinators.

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 38B of Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘program’ in line 12 the following:

3 There shall also be, subject to appropriation, a program for housing service coordinators
4 to assist residents of privately owned state and federally assisted housing to reduce evictions,
5 increase housing stability, and coordinate residents’ access to opportunities for education, job
6 training, and other services that may increase economic self-sufficiency.

7 The department of housing and community development, hereinafter the “department”,
8 shall train and certify agencies eligible to provide housing service coordinators and shall develop
9 standard outcome measures by which work shall be assessed.

10 Property owners who participate in this program shall not file a summary process action
11 for eviction of any subsidized tenant unless the owner certifies on a form approved by the
12 department that the tenant was provided the opportunity to meet with the housing service

13 coordinator a minimum of thirty days before the summary process filing unless problems
14 warranting eviction constitute an immediate threat to the health or safety of any persons at the
15 development, including without limitation residents or staff.

16 The department shall report quarterly to the house and senate committees on ways and
17 means and the joint committee on housing regarding the number of housing service coordinators,
18 the housing developments where the coordinators are located, and the number of evictions
19 prevented because of service coordinator intervention.

20 The department may promulgate regulations and guidelines to implement this section.