

HOUSE No. 1766

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter Capano

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 exempting very small communities from certain applications of the so-called Dover Amendment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Peter Capano

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Essex

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By [SPONSOR PREFIX] Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1766) of Peter Capano relative to zoning restrictions for land or structures for religious or educational purposes in municipalities with fewer than two-and-a-half square miles in size. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act exempting very small communities from certain applications of the so-called Dover Amendment.

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. The General Court hereby finds and declares that the use of the so-called
2 Dover amendment by nonprofit institutions in very small communities may impose undue
3 economic, infrastructure and other burdens on those communities.

4 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “corporation”, in line 53, the
6 following words:- in any municipality greater than two-and-a-half square miles in size.