

HOUSE No. 3335

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 the prevention of level 2 and 3 sex offenders from residing together.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3335) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to prohibiting certain sex offenders from residing together. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the prevention of level 2 and 3 sex offenders from residing together.

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. Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 48 the following new section:

3 Section 48A. A sex offender who has been finally classified as a level 3 sex offender
4 shall be prohibited from renting, residing, or otherwise occupying a single-family dwelling or a
5 unit in a multi-family dwelling with another finally classified level 3 sex offender, regardless of
6 the permanent or temporary residential status of either sex offender, unless those persons are
7 legally related by consanguinity, affinity or adoption.

8 A sex offender who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000 or
9 imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years, or by both such fine and
10 imprisonment. Written notification shall be made to the sex offender registry board of any such
11 violation.