

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1125**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

*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:

An Act incorporating the Commonwealth's sustainable development principles into the policies of executive and quasi-public agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> [District] <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1125) of William N. Brownsberger and Jonathan Hecht that executive and quasi-public agencies adhere to "sustainable development principles," so-called. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ □ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 3615 OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act incorporating the Commonwealth's sustainable development principles into the policies of executive and quasi-public agencies.

*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. As used in this section the following words shall have the following  
2 meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

3 "Executive Agencies" shall include, without limitation, all agencies within the Executive  
4 branch of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

5 "Independent Agencies," shall include, without limitation: the Massachusetts Turnpike  
6 Authority; the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; the Massachusetts Technology  
7 Collaborative; the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; the Massachusetts Convention  
8 Center Authority; the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency; the Massachusetts Health  
9 and Educational Facilities Authority; the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency; the  
10 Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund; the Massachusetts Port Authority, and the  
11 Massachusetts School Building Authority.

12 "Sustainable Development Principles" shall mean the following principles adopted by the  
13 Commonwealth of Massachusetts: concentrate development and mix uses; advance equity; make  
14 efficient decisions; protect land and ecosystems; use natural resources wisely; expand housing

15 opportunities; provide transportation choice; increase job and business opportunities; promote  
16 clean energy; and plan regionally.

17           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, the enabling statutes of  
18 Executive Agencies and Independent Agencies are hereby amended to include the following  
19 language:

20           In carrying out its duties, including establishing priorities for capital expenditures,  
21 developing new funding programs, expanding geographic boundaries, or adopting program  
22 regulations or guidelines, the agency shall take all feasible steps to conform with the  
23 Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Principles.