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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin B. Downing***

*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 ensuring access to line-drying.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Benjamin B. Downing* | *Berkshire, Hampshire, and Franklin* |

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By Mr. Downing, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1014) of Downing for legislation to ensure acces to line-drying [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government].

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An Act ensuring access to line-drying.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 21E the following section:-

Section 21F.

(a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Legal instrument", a municipal ordinance, bylaw or regulation; a rule, bylaw or regulation of an association of property owners; a deed restriction, restrictive covenant, contract or similar binding agreements.

"Solar clothes-drying device", a clothesline, drying rack or other equipment used for solar drying of clothing.

(b) In a city or town which accepts this section, no legal instrument shall unreasonably prohibit the installation or use of solar clothes-drying devices on residential property, except as necessary to protect public health and safety.

(c) This section shall not apply to condominium common areas and facilities as defined in section 1 of chapter 183a.