



S.81: AN ACT PROMOTING THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Sponsor: Sen. Harriette Chandler

&

H.2420: AN ACT BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Sponsor: Rep. Stephen Kulik & Rep. Sarah Peake

This legislation reforms the Commonwealth's planning, zoning, and permitting laws to support great neighborhoods that work for families and seniors. These bills will strengthen communities by helping to produce new housing in sensible locations, create healthy, walkable neighborhoods, and preserve open space.

KEY PROVISIONS

- **Make it easier for young families and seniors to stay in their communities by providing additional housing choices.** These bills will help all cities and towns meet our housing need by producing more multifamily housing, accessory apartments, and artist live/work spaces that are welcoming to all generations. The legislation will also allow families the opportunity to live in communities of their choice without discrimination.
- **Promote healthy, active communities with good access to open space and protections for critical natural resources.** This legislation reforms zoning laws to encourage compact development patterns that are more walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly. By planning where we grow, we can reduce sprawl and protect our farms, forests and waterways to ensure that future generations can enjoy them.
- **Provide cities and towns with the tools they need to plan for the future so they can take on their fair share of the region's growth while improving local finances and quality of life.** This legislation helps provide the resources, clear authority, and sensible procedures needed to support local planning and zoning.
- **Establish predictable permitting rules that will help small businesses, property owners, and municipalities make investments to keep our economy and communities strong.** These bills will help minimize court battles, reduce the cost of development, and responsibly and transparently share the costs and benefits of growth.



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