



2017 - 2018 Legislation

The following are summaries of the bills NAIOP filed for the 190th Session of the Massachusetts Legislature:

An Act to Expedite the Transfer of Cases to the Permit Session of Land Court (HD24)

Sponsor: Senator Michael Rodrigues

Summary: Allows cases to be transferred to the Permit Session by filing a notice of compliance with the jurisdictional requirement of this session. The bill would also expand the Permit Session to include industrial projects.

An Act to Reduce Energy Burdens & Increase Competitiveness in the Commonwealth (SD56)

Sponsor: Senator Michael Rodrigues

Summary: Creates a uniform statewide energy code and increase the competitiveness of Massachusetts.

An Act to Extend the Brownfields Tax Credit (SD603)

Sponsor: Senator Michael Rodrigues

Summary: Extends the Brownfields Tax Credit, which is set to expire in 2018.

An Act Expanding the Brownfields Tax Credit to Encourage Affordable Housing (SD606)

Sponsor: Senator Michael Rodrigues

Summary: Increases the percentage of Brownfields Tax Credit available to sites with an Activity and Use Limitation from 25% to 50% if the project includes a certain percentage of affordable housing.

An Act Relative to Certain Properties in the Commonwealth (HD3301)

Sponsor: Representative Joseph Wagner

Summary: Clarifies that certain requirements only apply to land that was a former railroad property, not land "appurtenant thereto," and provides a specific timeframe for which a record title search for certain properties must be completed.

An Act Facilitating Site Plan Review (HD612)

Sponsor: Representative Kevin Honan

Summary: Provides expressly for site plan review of projects by municipalities and establishes uniform procedures for the municipal application process and appeals.

An Act to Amend the Brownfields Tax Credit (HD1272)

Sponsor: Representative Jeffrey Sanchez

Summary: Expands the Brownfields Tax Credit to allow for those who own, operate, lease or are about to acquire a site and have performed cleanup work on that site as part of pre-acquisition process to be eligible for the tax credit.

An Act to Encourage Predictability in Utility Connections (HD2496)

Sponsor: Representative Thomas Golden

Summary: Modifies service quality standards to include all customer classes and expands standards to include new connections to customers as well as relocations of existing connections.