



2019 - 2020 Legislation

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

An Act to Streamline Zoning Appeals (SD 720)

Sponsor: Senator Bruce Tarr

Summary: The bill creates a clear process to determine who has standing to file a zoning appeal and creates timelines for such determinations. It also clarifies what municipal officials would be named in an appeal.

An Act to Promote Coastal Resiliency Projects (SD845)

Sponsor: Senator Boncore

Summary: Creates a process for building coastal resiliency projects designed to protect public health, safety and welfare, which can be designed without significant adverse impacts to coastal areas.

An Act to Expedite the Transfer of Cases to the Permit Session of Land Court (SD 918)

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.

An Act to Reduce Energy Burdens & Increase Competitiveness in the Commonwealth (SD 608)

Sponsor: Senator Michael Rodrigues

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

An Act Facilitating Site Plan Review (HD 3723)

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 Encourage Predictability in Utility Connections (HD 2770)

Sponsor: Representative Thomas Golden

Summary: Modifies service quality standards to ensure that utility companies will be evaluated for their responsiveness to new residential or commercial connections as well as relocations of existing commercial connections when the utility is asking for a rate increase.