

HOUSE No. 1491

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David F. DeCoste

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to CHAMP that will revert back to local residents receiving priority over applicants that have not been screened as emergency applicants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1491) of David F. DeCoste relative to statewide public housing applications and the centralized waitlist system. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1314 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to CHAMP that will revert back to local residents receiving priority over applicants that have not been screened as emergency applicants.

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

1 Effective April 10, 2019, DHCD launched the internet based, state-wide public housing
2 application and centralized waitlist system known as CHAMP to the public. This system was
3 mandated by the legislature as Section 14 of Chapter 235 of the Acts of 2014. The Eligibility and
4 Selection Criteria regulation, 760 CMR 5.00, has been updated to incorporate CHAMP.

5 760 CMR 5.05 (3) Determinations of Priority, Preference, Eligibility and Qualification;
6 (a) When an applicant approaches the top of a waiting list for an LHA program to which the
7 applicant has applied, the LHA shall make a final determination of the applicant's priority,
8 preference, eligibility and qualification.

9 Legislation that states CHAMP will revert back to local residents receiving priority over
10 applicants that have not been screened as emergency applicants. Applicants will no longer be
11 able to self-certify their emergency status.