

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1494**

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**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 improve access to rental assistance programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>8/19/2025</i>

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By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1494) of David F. DeCoste relative to rental assistance programs. Housing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to improve access to rental assistance programs.

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

1           SECTION 1. Not later than January 1, 2024, the executive office of housing and livable  
2 communities shall promulgate regulations pursuant to its authority under sections 3 and 6 of  
3 Chapter 23B the General Laws, as appearing in 2022 Official Edition, for the purpose of  
4 implementing legal authority for said executive office, its departments and contracted regional  
5 administering agencies to accept applications from landlords, on behalf of their tenants, to the  
6 Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, Alternative Housing Voucher Program, Rental  
7 Assistance for Families in Transition program, and other similar or succeeding programs as may  
8 be established.