

HOUSE No. 1505

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost

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 emergency housing assistance residency requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>4/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1505) of Paul K. Frost, David F. DeCoste and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to emergency housing assistance residency requirements. Housing.

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

An Act relative to emergency housing assistance residency requirements.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as amended by
2 section 120 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by adding the following
3 sentence:-

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
5 emergency housing assistance program established herein shall be available only to residents of
6 the commonwealth who have resided within the commonwealth for no less than six months,
7 provided however that this provision shall not apply to a victim of domestic violence or a person
8 whose living situation has been affected by a fire or other natural disaster that occurred in
9 Massachusetts.

10 The department shall require applicants to provide proof of residency for a period of no
11 less than six months. The department may require applicants to submit documentation including,

12 but not limited to, federal and state issued identification documents, mail, financial statements,
13 and bills to meet the requirements of this section.

14 This section shall apply to applications submitted for the emergency housing assistance
15 program on or after the effective date of this act.