

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1549**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joseph D. McKenna*

*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 providing relief of 40B regulations for municipalities sheltering individuals on behalf of DHCD.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>

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By Representative McKenna of Sutton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1549) of Joseph D. McKenna relative to cities and towns sheltering individuals for certain state or federal housing agencies. Housing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1353 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act providing relief of 40B regulations for municipalities sheltering individuals on behalf of DHCD.

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

1 Chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following new section at the end thereof:-

3 Section X, Any municipality which is so ordered by the Federal Government or by the  
4 Commonwealth through the Department of Housing and Economic Development, the  
5 Department of Housing, or any other state or federal agency to provide an emergency shelter site  
6 for homeless populations greater than 10 individuals within its borders shall be granted 'safe  
7 harbor' from meeting the regulations and requirements of Chapter 40B namely including the  
8 Commonwealth's Subsidized Housing Inventory requirement threshold of 10%, for a period of  
9 not less than 5 years