

HOUSE No. 1798

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 violent offenders in shelter waiver.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1798) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to violent offenders in shelter waiver. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to violent offenders in shelter waiver.

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. Section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-
3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no individual convicted or charged
4 with a violent felony or a sexual offense pursuant to chapter 265 of the General Laws, as so
5 appearing, while receiving benefits pursuant to this chapter shall be eligible to continue to
6 receive such benefits absent a written waiver issued by the director of the Massachusetts
7 emergency assistance program.