

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4532**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 16, 2025.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to certain affordable housing and branch library space in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston (House, No. 3932), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4532) [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to certain affordable housing and branch library space in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston.

*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. Construction and development activity related to redevelopment by the  
2 developer selected by the Boston Redevelopment Authority of subsidized affordable housing,  
3 including space for a branch library to be procured by the Boston Public Library, to be built on  
4 Boston Redevelopment Authority-owned land under a ground lease, or any part thereof, located  
5 at 555-559 Columbia road in the city of Boston, shall not be subject to any general or special law  
6 related to the procurement and award of contracts for the planning, design, construction  
7 management, construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance, or repair of  
8 buildings or public works by a public agency, including chapter 149, chapter 7C, or section 39M  
9 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, but shall be subject to sections 26 to 27H, inclusive, of  
10 chapter 149 of the General Laws; provided, that the acquisition of any interest in real property by  
11 the city of Boston necessary to support the completion of the project shall not be subject to  
12 section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws; and provided further, that the cost of any such  
13 acquisition shall not be limited by any general or special law, including section 12 of chapter 642

14 of the acts of 1966. Contracts for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling or  
15 repair of any publicly owned public works that service this project and would otherwise be  
16 subject to section 39M of chapter 30 of the General Laws shall be subject to said section 39M if  
17 the redevelopment of the project is funded in part by state or federal government low-income  
18 housing tax credit, grant, or loan, or pursuant to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds authorized by  
19 general law. A conveyance of the project, whether by leasehold or fee estate, to an urban  
20 redevelopment corporation organized under chapter 121A of the General Laws or to a nonprofit  
21 state and federally tax-exempt corporation organized for the purpose of revitalizing the project,  
22 shall be subject to chapter 30B of the General Laws to the extent that the project is conveyed to  
23 an entity that is not owned, controlled or managed by the Boston public library on the date of the  
24 conveyance.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.