

HOUSE No. 4590

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 9, 2025.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2427) of Judith A. Garcia for an investigation by a task force relative to improving indoor air quality for certain highly-impacted communities, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4590) ought to pass [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissents].

For the committee,

MARJORIE C. DECKER.

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

An Act to improve indoor air quality for highly-impacted communities.

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. (a) There shall be a task force created to develop a statutory and regulatory
2 framework to identify, monitor, and remediate indoor air pollution and indoor mold
3 contamination in schools, long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, early childhood
4 education facilities, public housing, and privately-owned residential buildings. The task force
5 shall also identify and make recommendations for funding sources for implementation of its
6 recommendations.

7 (b) Said task force shall be comprised of the commissioner of public health or a designee,
8 who shall serve as chair, the commissioner of environmental protection or a designee; the
9 secretary of housing and livable communities or a designee; the attorney general or a designee;
10 and 11 additional members to be appointed by the Governor: a representative of a community-
11 based environmental justice organization; an academic expert on environmental health; a
12 representative of the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards; a labor representative
13 recommended by the President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO; an individual with experience in
14 community clinical health care; an individual with experience in the state’s shelter housing

15 system; an individual with experience in long-term senior care; an individual with experience in
16 identifying and monitoring indoor air pollution and indoor mold contamination; an individual
17 with experience in remediating indoor air pollution and indoor mold contamination; an
18 individual with experience monitoring environmental health in correctional facilities; and an
19 individual with experience in public school administration.

20 (c) The task force shall convene its first meeting within 30 days of the passage of this
21 Act. Said task force shall submit a final report with its recommendations to the clerks of the
22 house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the
23 joint committee on public health, the executive office of health and human services, the
24 executive office of energy and environmental affairs, the Attorney General, and the state
25 Environmental Justice Council within one year of the passage of this Act. Not less than 30 days
26 prior to the release of said final report, the task force shall release draft recommendations for
27 public review and comment.

28 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
29 department of public health, in consultation with the department of environmental protection,
30 shall promulgate regulations for conducting indoor air quality assessments monitoring exposure
31 to ultrafine particulate matter and black carbon particulate matter concentrations present in the
32 indoor air of existing and proposed buildings, based on the best available science about the
33 health risks associated with ultrafine particulate matter and black carbon. The regulations shall
34 include, but not be limited to, establishing standard procedures and public reporting mechanisms
35 for conducting air dispersion modeling, managing air pollution, monitoring ultrafine particulate
36 matter, and estimating exposure.

37 SECTION 3. The department of public health shall promulgate regulations relative to
38 conducting indoor air quality assessments no later than July 31, 2027.