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**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 prioritizing Massachusetts residents on the waitlist for emergency housing assistance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to prioritizing Massachusetts residents on the waitlist for emergency housing assistance.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Executive Office of  
2   Housing and Livable Communities and the Department of Housing and Community  
3   Development shall provide priority consideration to residents who have resided in the  
4   commonwealth for a minimum of 12 consecutive months and who are on the waitlist for the  
5   emergency housing assistance program, when space in said program becomes available.