

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Marsi

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 Create a Crumbling Foundations Task Force with the goal of identifying a source and method of funding.

PETITION OF:

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

An Act Create a Crumbling Foundations Task Force with the goal of identifying a source and method of funding.

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. There shall be a task force to study and propose recommendations to create
2 a fund to assist homeowners that struggle with crumbling foundations. The task force shall
3 examine (i) cost of materials most commonly used in crumbling foundations; (ii) geographic
4 areas in which homeowners most commonly struggle with crumbling foundation; (iii) average
5 costs of testing and inspection; (iv) state funds outside the Commonwealth used for similar
6 purposes; and (v) the total cost of administering such a fund.

7 SECTION 2. The task force shall consist of: the secretary of the office of economic
8 development or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of the department of housing
9 and community development, or a designee; the commissioner of public safety and inspections,
10 or a designee; the secretary of the office of housing and livable communities, or a designee; the
11 commissioner of the division of insurance, or a designee; the senate and house chairs of the joint
12 committee on housing, or their designee(s); the house minority leader, or a designee; the senate
13 minority leader, or a designee; and 4 members to be appointed by the chair, 1 of whom shall be a

14 representative of a public housing authority, 1 of whom shall be a property manager or
15 representative of a property management company; 1 of whom shall be a representative of an
16 insurance company which provides homeowners insurance; and 1 of whom shall be a
17 representative of Massachusetts Association of Housing Authority Maintenance Supervisors.

18 SECTION 3. Not later than July 31, 2027, the task force shall submit its report, including
19 its recommendations or any proposed legislation necessary to the clerks of the house of
20 representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the
21 joint committee on housing.