

SENATE No. 1260

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 or sexual offenses committed by those using the Emergency Assistance shelter system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1260) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to violent or sexual offenses committed by those using the Emergency Assistance shelter system. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to violent or sexual offenses committed by those using the Emergency Assistance shelter system.

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 30 of Chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
2 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
4 charged with a violent felony or a sexual offense pursuant to chapter 265 of the General Laws, as
5 so 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."