

SENATE No. 2077

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 tax credits for affordable housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2077) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to tax credits for affordable housing. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1943 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to tax credits for affordable housing.

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 other general or special law to the contrary, the Commonwealth
2 hereby directs the Executive Office of Housing and Liveable Communities starting in the year
3 2025 to promulgate regulations to require any new construction or major rehabilitation
4 development project that receives Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding to earn
5 green building certification. For the purpose of this provision, “green building certification” shall
6 mean third-party certification, at appropriate certification levels, under the U.S. Green Building
7 Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building rating
8 system, and other systems determined by the Department, in consultation with the Department of
9 Energy Resources, to be equally rigorous to LEED with respect to energy efficiency, indoor
10 environmental quality, and relevant climate mitigation practices such as commissioning and
11 waste reduction.

12 The Executive Office of Housing and Liveable Communities is directed to amend its
13 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to reflect the requirements of this section and promulgate as
14 such. The Department is further directed to analyze and make publicly available, from time to
15 time, post-occupancy analysis of energy and water efficiency of LIHTC-funded housing, and to
16 provide information to potential LIHTC applicants about available incentives and other support
17 for energy efficiency.