

SENATE No. 2493

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 housing calculations for Chapter 115.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>9/22/2025</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2493) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to allow for an annual increase in the shelter allowance. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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

An Act relative to housing calculations for Chapter 115.

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 5 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition
2 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof, the following:-

3 Effective July first of every year, the Secretary shall prescribe the increase in the shelter
4 allowance by a percentage amount equal to the percentage rise in the United States Consumer
5 Price Index for January first of that year over the level of said index for January first of the
6 previous year plus such additional percentage amount as is recommended annually by the
7 secretary and appropriated by the general court.