

SENATE No. 979

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Durant

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 ensuring fair housing for homeless families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	
<i>John R. Gaskey</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2025</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>7/21/2025</i>

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By Mr. Durant, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 979) of Peter J. Durant, John R. Gaskey, Joseph D. McKenna, Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and others for legislation to mandate the emergency housing assistance program only be available to residents of the commonwealth who have resided in the commonwealth for at least 1 year. Housing.

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

An Act ensuring fair housing for homeless families.

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 amended by section 120 of chapter 7
2 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence after the first
3 paragraph:- Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
4 emergency housing assistance program established herein shall be available only to residents of
5 the commonwealth who have resided in the commonwealth for at least 1 year.