

## COMMITTEE ON HOUSING ~ BILL SUMMARY

**Bill Number:** H.1481

**Name:** An Act to create affordable homes for persons with disabilities

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Rob Consalvo; Rep. Marjorie Decker

**Hearing Date:** July 23, 2025

**Prior History:** Refile; 2023-2024: Reported favorably and referred to the committee on Ways and Means

**Reporting Deadline:** September 21, 2025

**Dispensation:**

**Notes:** S.1004 accompanies the House bill.

**CURRENT LAW:** *Section 16 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1995* -- The AHVP program is designed to help people with disabilities live independently in housing they choose through mobile (tenant-based) rental vouchers. The voucher is for 1-bedroom units.

AHVP will contribute 25-30% of your monthly income toward rent, depending on if utilities are included in the rent. The local housing agency pays the landlord the rest of the rent.

*760 CMR.53* -- Established an Alternative Housing Voucher as a transitional housing assistance program in the form of mobile or project-based vouchers for those who are under 60, have a disability and are at or below 80 percent AMI.

**PROPOSED CHANGE(S):**

This bill would establish an updated Alternative Housing Voucher Program for persons with disabilities.

Changes would include codifying regulations into law, allowing use of project-based vouchers as well as mobile vouchers, allowing for payments to be provided in advance, and allowing payments to include first month's rent, last month's rent, security deposit, and additional up-front moving expenses.

The bill would also modernizing and update language and definitions, including increasing the eligible head of household from 60 to 62.

