

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING ~ BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.1500

Name: An Act addressing affordable housing

Sponsor(s): Representative Rodney Elliott (16th Middlesex)

Hearing Date: July 23, 2025

Prior History: New File

Reporting Deadline: September 21, 2025

Similar Matters:

CURRENT LAW: *Chapter 708 of the acts of 1966 – Establishes the Massachusetts Financing Agency*

Section 55 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024 – Grants powers and responsibilities of the Massachusetts Financing Agency to the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities.

PROPOSED CHANGE(S):

Bill would amend provisions in special laws that established the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to make changes to its board: adding two members “an individual with expertise in affordable housing appointed by the senate president, a representative of a labor union with expertise in housing issues appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

It specifies for a period of not more than 8 years.

In addition, it would create a special commission of 3 individuals with expertise in affordable housing financing and development to conduct a performance review of MHFA past 5 years performance on gateway cities affordability. One member appointed by each: the governor, 1 Senate President, speaker of the House of Representatives.