

**Massachusetts House of Representatives  
Bill Summary**

**Bill #:** H.2289

**Title:** An Act to preserve public safety grant funding for cities and towns

**Sponsor:** Rep. Bradley Jones, Jr.

**Committee** Municipalities and Regional Government

**Hearing Date:** July 29, 2025

**Current Law:** Section 3A of Chapter 40A of the MGL requires municipalities that host, neighbor a municipality that hosts, or is otherwise serviced by an MBTA station or terminal to provide at least one reasonably sized district in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right.

Reasonable size is defined as having a minimum gross density of fifteen units per acre and being located no more than one half mile away from the nearest MBTA station or terminal.

Subsection (b) of Section 3A states that municipalities out of compliance with the section will be ineligible for the following three state funds:

- The Housing Choice Initiative described by the governor on December 11, 2017
- The Local Capital Projects Fund established in Section 2EEE of Chapter 29
- The MassWorks infrastructure Program established in Section 63 of Chapter 23A
- The HousingWorks infrastructure program established in Section 27 of Chapter 23B

The Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant program distributed five million dollars' worth of firefighting equipment to 308 firefighter departments across the Commonwealth for the Fiscal Year 2025.

**Summary:** H.2289 amends Chapter 3A of Chapter 40A by stipulating that no municipality out of compliance with the MBTA Communities Act may lose grant funding relating to public safety, specifically the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant program.

**Notes:**