

# AN ACT CODIFYING THE MASSACHUSETTS RENTAL VOUCHER PROGRAM

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# AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS RENTAL VOUCHER PROGRAM

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## WHY IS THIS PROGRAM CRITICAL?

The Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) serves as a stable foundation for thousands of residents and families to build their futures upon. This state-funded program helps people with low incomes afford their rent by covering a portion of the cost. MRVP is established through the annual state budget and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and locally by regional housing agencies and housing authorities.

## WHAT WILL THIS BILL DO?

### MORE AFFORDABILITY

### RENTER SAFETY

### DATA COLLECTION

### PROGRAM CERTAINTY

This legislation will preserve long-term stability and protections for renters with vouchers. In addition to protecting MRVP from programmatic changes and uncertainty every budget cycle, this bill will deepen affordability for renters and improve the program for the up to 11,000+ households with low- and moderate-incomes it serves. Program improvements will include:

- deepening affordability for renters through larger voucher payment shares
- improving renter safety by requiring inspections
- increasing the administrative fee so regional agencies and housing authorities can better cover the cost of the program
- improving data collection



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