



# BILL OF RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESS

**HOUSE DOCKET 1113 AND SENATE DOCKET 1548**

**Lead Sponsor:**

Representative William Smitty Pignatelli and Senator Linda Dorcena Forry

The Bill of Rights would entitle people experiencing homelessness to the same rights as any other resident of Massachusetts



## An Act Providing a Homeless Bill of Rights Organizational Endorsement Form

By completing this form, I/we (your name/affiliate organization's name \_\_\_\_\_) would like to be listed as an organizational endorser and receive updates from the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless on the bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness. The bill seeks to do the following:

- 1. Define homelessness and acknowledge it as a statewide issue**
- 2. Prevent discrimination based on housing status by protecting the rights of all residents**  
The bill seeks to ensure that residents of Massachusetts are granted their due rights and privileges, whether or not they are experiencing homelessness.
- 3. Outline several key rights to be protected**  
The bill explicitly outlines several rights that people experiencing homelessness are often denied, including the right to move freely in public spaces, the right to equal treatment by municipal agencies, freedom from discrimination in employment, the right to emergency medical care, the right to register to vote and to vote, freedom from disclosure of records, and the right to a reasonable expectation of privacy of property.
- 4. Serve as a statement of legislative intent**  
The bill lays the groundwork for the Legislature and other state and municipal agencies to promote the rights of people experiencing homelessness.

To submit this endorsement form online and receive regular updates on this campaign, complete [this Google form](#) or fill out the required information below and email or mail this document to Kelly Turley, [kelly@mahomeless.org](mailto:kelly@mahomeless.org).

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Organization's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ MA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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