

Yes in My Backyard

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BILL GOALS



Allow young and working class families to enter the housing market



Reign in housing costs for everyone

HOUSING SHORTAGE BY THE NUMBERS

222,000+ homes

The number of new homes needed over the next 10 years to tackle the housing shortage

11,600

The number of homes built in 2023, down from an average of 19,000 in the 2010s

\$882,000

The median price of a single family home in Greater Boston in January, 2025

Why we need this bill

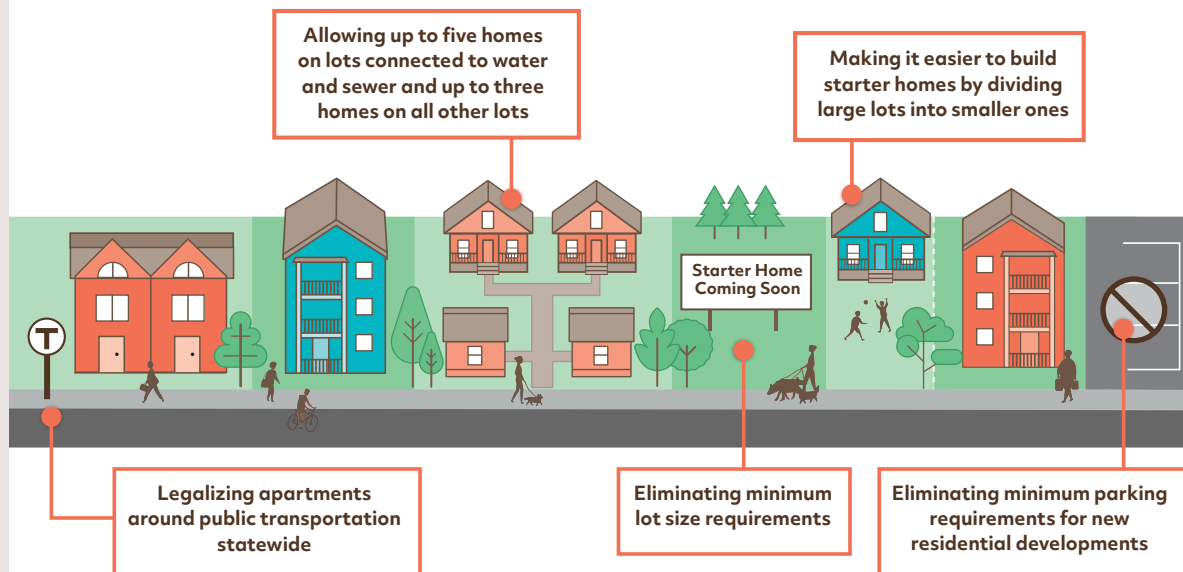
Housing costs in Massachusetts are among the highest in the nation because we do not build enough homes that match folks' budgets and needs.

Local laws explicitly outlaw more affordable home options, such as duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes.

Record high homes prices causes wealthier individuals to outbid working class families for the few homes that are available.

Young families leave Mass. for more affordable states and communities struggle because teachers, healthcare workers, and first responders cannot afford to live in the towns they serve.

This bill will make our cities and towns more affordable by...



THE BILL WILL ALSO

- Require executive agencies to submit a report identifying greyfield sites suitable for redevelopment
- Prioritize the disposition of state-owned land for affordable housing
- Clarify that ADUs can be built on the same lot as multi-family housing
- Restrict the ability of municipalities to adopt overly burdensome septic regulations that limit housing development
- Allow the legislature to adopt the Housing Production Plan developed by Governor Healey's Housing Advisory Council