

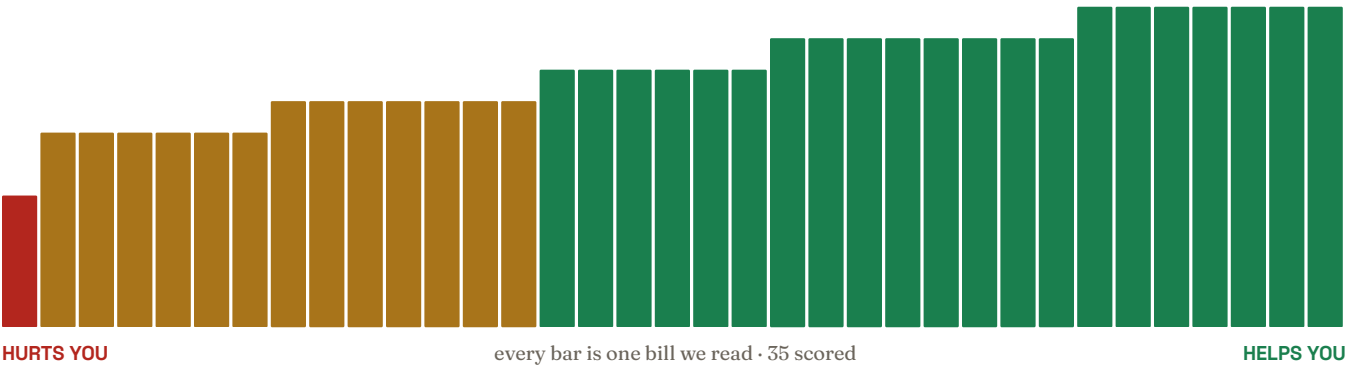


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# Massachusetts Bill Book

## 2026

The Massachusetts bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

## Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

### THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

### HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 35 Massachusetts bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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# 10 worst, 10 best

## THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

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| <b>9/10</b> | H2176 | <b>The Wage Theft Bill</b> — Massachusetts bill stops bosses from hiding wage theft              |
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| <b>9/10</b> | S1970 | <b>The Proposes Bigger Bill</b> — Massachusetts proposes bigger renter tax credit for relief     |
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| <b>9/10</b> | H3297 | <b>The Police Report Bill</b> — Police must report what property they take from people           |
| <b>9/10</b> | H335  | <b>The Broker Fees Bill</b> — Massachusetts bill would make landlords pay broker fees            |
| <b>8/10</b> | H1204 | <b>The Special Health Bill</b> — Pregnancy could qualify for special health insurance enrollment |
| <b>8/10</b> | H3017 | <b>The Deduct Health Bill</b> — Self-employed can deduct health insurance from gross income      |
| <b>8/10</b> | H3184 | <b>The Home Water Bill</b> — New tax credit for home water filtration systems proposed           |

# The Public Benefit Bill

Preferential tax breaks for public benefit corporations proposed in Massachusetts

MA H3052 • Money & Damages

3/10

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Hurts everyday people



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, these companies could pay less taxes while everyday residents may see fewer public resources, so voters should weigh the tradeoff now.

## WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

**Accountability (hurts)** — Tax breaks may reduce oversight of corporations..  
Lower tax rates could lessen financial scrutiny of benefiting firms.

**Rights & Protections (neutral)** — No direct impact on personal rights..  
The bill does not change individual legal protections.

**Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Tax revenue loss shifts cost to taxpayers..  
State collects less money, so residents may fund services.

**Process Transparency (neutral)** — Early stage, no hidden procedures noted..  
Bill is introduced with public hearings scheduled.

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Relative to public benefit corporations

MA H3052

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would give some public benefit corporations lower tax rates, meaning less money for state services and higher costs for taxpayers.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Public benefit corporations

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA H3052) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H3052>

LegiScan — H3052 — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H3052/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — [www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h3052-002995](http://www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h3052-002995)

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# The Unpaid Patient Bill

Mass bill makes insurers share unpaid patient bill costs

MA S758 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, hospitals may get more money from insurers for unpaid patient bills, which could keep services open, but insurers might raise premiums for everyone.

## WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — adds insurer responsibility.  
Insurers would be held accountable for unpaid patient obligations.
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — helps patients.  
Patients gain better protection against unpaid medical bills.
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — cost may shift to consumers.  
Insurers may pass added costs to premiums, affecting all consumers.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — no new transparency measures.  
The bill does not change reporting or disclosure rules.

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

## Defining financial responsibility for uncollected co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

The bill would require health insurers to help pay patients' unpaid copays, coinsurance and deductibles, easing the burden on doctors and hospitals.

## Everyday People

Official text (MA S758) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S758>

**LegiScan – S758** – <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/S758/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — [www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-s758-998205](http://www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-s758-998205)

# The Health Insurance Bill

State looks at changing health insurance premiums for public workers

MA H2785 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, public employees might pay more or less each month for health coverage, and the state could move part of the cost onto workers or the budget.

## WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

**Accountability** (neutral) — No clear change to oversight or accountability..

The bill does not add new reporting or oversight requirements.

**Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No direct impact on the right to sue or consumer protections..

It only adjusts premium amounts.

**Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Potential shift of cost to employees..

If premiums rise, workers may pay more out of pocket.

**Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process with a scheduled hearing..

No special fasttrack or secrecy.

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

## Relative to Group Health Insurance Commission

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

The bill would change how much employees of the Commonwealth pay each month for their group health insurance.

## Workers

Official text (MA H2785) – <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H2785>

**LegisScan – H2785** – <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H2785/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — [www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h2785-003030](http://www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h2785-003030)

# The Rental Property Bill

New bill aims to change rental property tax credits

MA H3029 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People should pay attention to this bill because it could change rental costs or benefits for both renters and landlords.

## WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear accountability measures mentioned..  
Unknown
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No direct impact on rights or protections..  
Unknown
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Unclear who will bear the costs..  
Unknown
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Process is ongoing with scheduled hearings..  
Hearing scheduled

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

## Relative to rental credits

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

This bill would change how rental property tax credits work, which could affect renters and landlords.

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — [www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h3029-002555](http://www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h3029-002555)

# The Vaccination Rates Bill

State looks to boost vaccination rates for public health

MA S1618 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, families could see more vaccine clinics and outreach, helping keep kids safe but the plan may cost taxpayers and could raise privacy concerns about health data.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear mechanisms for oversight are described..  
The text does not specify reporting or enforcement.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No explicit changes to individual rights are mentioned..  
The bill focuses on public health programs.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Funding sources are not identified..  
It is unclear whether taxpayers or other groups will pay.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Only a hearing date is listed; details are missing..  
The bill's specifics have not been disclosed.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Promoting community immunity

MA S1618

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let the state create programs to increase vaccination and protect the community from disease.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

**Official text (MA S1618)** — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S1618>

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# The Community Immunity Bill

New bill aims to boost community immunity efforts

MA S3070 · Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

## TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People should pay attention to this bill because it could help keep communities healthier. If passed, it might cost a lot of money, so we need to know how it affects us.

### WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

**Accountability** (neutral) — Cost unclear.

The cost is unknown but estimated to be high.

**Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No clear rights impact.

The bill does not clarify how it will impact individual rights.

**Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Potential cost shift.

The bill's high estimated cost could shift expenses to taxpayers.

### WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

THE BILL ITSELF

# Promoting community immunity

MA S3070

Introduced · recorded 2026-05-18

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would promote community immunity to help protect everyone from diseases.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

**Official text (MA S3070)** — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S3070>

**LegiScan — S3070** — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/S3070/2025>

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# The Consumer Insurance Bill

Massachusetts looks at rules for consumer insurance deductibles

MA H4333 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

**TOLERATE**

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, this bill is just a title moving slowly through the Massachusetts legislature. It deals with consumer deductibles, which usually means how much you pay out of pocket before your health insurance kicks in. Because the actual text is missing, we do not know if it will lower your costs or raise them. We will keep an eye on it as lawmakers fill in the blanks.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

**Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.

There are no details available on how this bill affects accountability.

**Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Neutral.

The text does not specify if consumer protections are being added or removed.

**Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Neutral.

It deals with deductibles, which directly affect out-of-pocket costs, but the direction...

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

THE BILL ITSELF

# Relative to consumer deductibles

MA H4333

Introduced · recorded 2025-07-31

WHAT IT DOES

This proposed bill would change the rules for consumer deductibles, but the exact details are not yet clear.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

**Official text (MA H4333)** — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H4333>

**LegiScan — H4333** — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H4333/2025>

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# The Unpaid Medical Bill

Insurers might help pay your unpaid medical bills

MA H1156 • Healthcare & Insurance

6/10 **TOLERATE**  
Mixed — some good, some bad



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would change who pays when a patient cannot cover their part of a medical bill, like a co-pay. Right now, doctors and hospitals often lose that money or try hard to collect it from patients. This bill would make insurance companies share that cost with the doctors and hospitals. This could help healthcare providers stay open and keep offering services. However, if insurance companies have to pay more, they might...

## WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Shifts financial accountability for uncollected patient debt..  
The bill shifts some financial accountability for uncollectible patient obligations from...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Could indirectly protect patients from aggressive collections..  
By ensuring providers are paid, it could reduce the need for aggressive collection...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Shifts costs to insurers, potentially impacting premiums..  
The bill would shift a portion of uncollected patient debt from healthcare providers to...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No direct impact on transparency..  
The bill does not directly affect the transparency of legislative or regulatory processes.

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

**Pushing for it:** Healthcare Providers  
**Bearing the cost:** Health Insurance Carriers

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / ID)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Relative to uncollected co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles

MA H1156

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would make health insurance companies help doctors and hospitals get paid when people cannot pay their part of a medical bill, which could make it easier for providers.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Healthcare Providers

READ IT YOURSELF

**Official text (MA H1156)** — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H1156>

**LegiScan — H1156** — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H1156/2025>

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# The Conditions & Benefits Bill

Study order for better work conditions and benefits

MA H5181 • Work & Wages

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill moves forward, it could lead to better work-life balance for many people. Now is the time to support it.

## WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

**Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Potential for improved work conditions.

The bill aims to improve parental leave and work hours.

**Process Transparency** (neutral) — Study order suggests openness.

The bill will study various work improvements.

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

THE BILL ITSELF

# Study Order

MA H5181

 Introduced · recorded 2026-03-05

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would study ways to improve work conditions like parental leave and a shorter work week.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA H5181) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H5181>

LegiScan — H5181 — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H5181/2025>

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# The Electric Farm Bill

Electric farm equipment tax credit proposed in Massachusetts

MA H3178 • Money & Damages

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The credit could help farmers switch to cleaner machines and save money, but it also means the state collects less tax, so all taxpayers may pay more later.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no change to who can be sued.  
Bill does not affect legal accountability
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — no rights removed.  
Does not limit any existing rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — tax credit reduces revenue.  
State loses tax revenue, taxpayers bear cost
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — standard legislative process.  
Bill is introduced, no special transparency measures

FOLLOW THE MONEY

**Pushing for it:** farmers  
**Bearing the cost:** state

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Establishing an electric agricultural and landscape equipment tax credit

MA H3178

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

Farmers who buy electric tractors or mowers could subtract a set amount from their state taxes, lowering their costs.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA H3178) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H3178>

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# The Tenants Government Bill

Tenants could own their government-assisted homes

MA H1510 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**  
Helps everyday people



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would let people who live in government-assisted housing buy their homes. This could give them a chance to build wealth and have more say in their living situation. It also wants to make sure that housing programs are fair for everyone by setting diversity goals. People should pay attention because this bill could change how many people get to own a home instead of just renting.

## WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Empowers tenants with ownership, increasing their stake and control..  
The bill would provide tenant ownership in government-assisted housing.
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Grants tenants the right to own their homes, a major protection..  
Legislation to provide tenant ownership in government-assisted housing.
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — The bill does not specify a negative cost shift onto ordinary people..  
The bill's summary mentions tax credits for diversity goals, but not direct costs for...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Follows standard legislative process..  
Referred to the Joint Committee on Housing; Hearing scheduled.

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Tenants in government-assisted housing
- Bearing the cost:** Public funds (via tax credits for diversity goals)

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / ID)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Relative to provide tenant ownership in government assisted housing

MA H1510

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help people living in government-assisted housing buy their homes, giving them more control over where they live.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA H1510) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H1510>

LegiScan — H1510 — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H1510/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — [www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h1510-001280](http://www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h1510-001280)

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# The Wage Theft Bill

Massachusetts bill stops bosses from hiding wage theft

MA H2176 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**  
Helps everyday people



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is important because it would help make sure all workers are treated fairly. If bosses cannot use a worker's immigration status against them, workers will feel safer speaking up when they are not paid correctly or do not get their benefits. This means bosses would have to follow the rules for everyone, which helps protect all workers and makes the workplace more honest. People should pay attention now while...

## WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases employer accountability.  
Employers would be held more accountable for following wage, benefit, and tax laws, as...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects worker rights.  
Workers' rights to fair pay and benefits would be better protected, as they would not...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — Neutral, ensures costs are borne by violators.  
Employers who violate laws would bear the cost of their actions, rather than shifting the...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No direct impact on transparency.  
The bill does not directly address legislative process transparency, but it promotes...

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Workers owed wages, benefits, or taxes
- Bearing the cost:** Employers who violate wage, benefit, or tax laws

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Prohibiting employers from attempting to conceal violations of state wage, benefit, or tax laws

MA H2176

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would stop bosses from using a worker's immigration status to hide breaking rules about pay, benefits, or taxes, so workers can get what they are owed.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Workers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA H2176) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H2176>

LegiScan — H2176 — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H2176/2025>

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# The Lead Paint Bill

More money for landlords to fix lead paint in homes

MA H3103 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**  
Helps everyday people



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill wants to help landlords pay for removing dangerous lead paint from rental homes. Lead paint can make kids very sick, so making homes safer is important. If this bill passes, landlords might be more likely to fix up old homes, which would be good for families looking for safe places to live. But it also means the state would collect less tax money. Now is the time to tell lawmakers if you think this is a good way to...

## WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.  
The bill focuses on incentives, not direct accountability changes.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps protect health.  
By encouraging lead remediation, it would make rental housing safer for tenants...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — State tax revenue loss.  
The state would lose tax revenue due to the increased credit, while landlords would gain...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Normal process.  
The bill is moving through the regular legislative process with scheduled hearings and...

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

**Pushing for it:** Landlords and renters  
**Bearing the cost:** The state's tax revenue

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# To further lead remediation in rental housing by increasing the deleading credit

MA H3103

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give landlords more tax money to remove lead paint, making rental homes safer for families and kids.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Landlords

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA H3103) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H3103>

LegiScan — H3103 — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H3103/2025>

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# The Proposes Bigger Bill

Massachusetts proposes bigger renter tax credit for relief

MA S1970 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**  
Helps everyday people

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## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Renters could see a bigger tax break, easing housing costs, while the state would need to find money, possibly raising other taxes or cutting services.

## WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No change to oversight mechanisms.  
The bill does not alter how the credit is administered or monitored.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Expands renter benefit.  
Increasing the credit gives renters more financial relief.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Cost shifts to taxpayers.  
State revenue must cover the larger credit, potentially affecting other budgets.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process.  
The bill follows normal procedures with hearings and committee reports.

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

**Pushing for it:** Renters  
**Bearing the cost:** State taxpayers

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Providing renter relief tax credit

MA S1970

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would raise the renter relief tax credit, giving renters more money back on their state taxes.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA S1970) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S1970>

LegiScan — S1970 — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/S1970/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — [www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-s1970-999227](http://www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-s1970-999227)

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# The Show Police Bill

New rules would show how police take people's money

MA H1990 • Criminal Justice

9/10 **LIBERATE**  
Helps everyday people



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would make police share more facts about when they take people's money or property without charging them with a crime. Right now, it can be hard to know how often this happens or why. This bill would shine a light on these actions, helping people understand if the process is fair. Some might say it creates extra work for police, but supporters believe it helps keep everyone honest and protects people's stuff. It is...

## WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases police accountability..  
It would require police to report data on civil asset forfeiture, making their actions...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Helps protect people's property rights..  
By increasing transparency, people would have more information to challenge unfair...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — Potential administrative costs for police..  
Police departments might have new administrative costs for data collection and reporting.
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Directly improves transparency..  
The bill's main goal is to increase transparency and data reporting for civil asset...

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Citizens who have property taken
- Bearing the cost:** Police departments (due to reporting burden)

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

## Relative to civil asset forfeiture transparency and data reporting

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

This bill would make police share more facts about when they take people's money or property, so we can all see if it is fair.

## Everyday People

Official text (MA H1990) – <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H1990>

**LegiScan – H1990** – <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H1990/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — [www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h1990-003898](http://www.obillerate.com/bill/ma-h1990-003898)

# The Police Report Bill

Police must report what property they take from people

MA H3297 • Criminal Justice

9/10 **LIBERATE**  
Helps everyday people



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is about making sure police openly share details about property they take from people, even if those people are not found guilty of a crime. Right now, it can be hard to know how often this happens or why. If this bill passes, we would get clear reports on what property is taken, its value, and why. This helps regular people and lawmakers understand if the rules for taking property are fair and if changes are...

## WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — improves oversight.  
Requires police to report data on civil asset forfeiture, increasing transparency about...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — helps future protections.  
By making data public, it could help identify practices that erode people's property...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — administrative burden.  
Law enforcement agencies would bear the administrative cost of collecting and reporting...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — high transparency gain.  
The core purpose of the bill is to make civil asset forfeiture practices more transparent...

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

**Pushing for it:** The public, people whose property is taken  
**Bearing the cost:** Law enforcement agencies

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Relative to civil asset forfeiture data reporting

MA H3297

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would make police tell everyone how much property they take from people, helping us see if it's fair.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

**Official text (MA H3297)** — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H3297>

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# The Broker Fees Bill

Massachusetts bill would make landlords pay broker fees

MA H335 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**  
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## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would change who pays the fee when you use a real estate agent to find a place to live. Right now, renters often pay this fee, which can be a lot of money when you are also trying to pay a security deposit and first month's rent. This bill would make landlords pay that fee instead. Supporters say this would help renters save money and make it fairer, since landlords are the ones who own the property and benefit from...

## WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

**Accountability (helps)** — Landlords would be responsible for a cost related to their property..

The bill would require lessors (landlords) to pay real estate broker fees, making them...

**Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects renters from an upfront cost..

Renters would be protected from having to pay a significant upfront broker fee when...

**Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Shifts cost from renters to landlords..

The cost of real estate broker fees would shift from being paid by renters to being paid...

**Process Transparency (neutral)** — No specific info on transparency..

The bill's text does not contain provisions directly related to legislative or...

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

**Pushing for it:** Renters

**Bearing the cost:** Landlords

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# To promote equity among lessors

MA H335

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would make landlords pay real estate broker fees instead of renters, which could save renters money when they move into a new home.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA H335) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H335>

LegiScan — H335 — <https://legiscan.com/MA/bill/H335/2025>

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# The Special Health Bill

Pregnancy could qualify for special health insurance enrollment

MA H1204 • Healthcare & Insurance

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## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This is a good chance for pregnant people to get health coverage when they need it most. It's important to support this bill so everyone can get the care they deserve.

## WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Improves access to health care.  
Allows pregnant individuals to enroll outside of regular enrollment periods.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Standard legislative process.  
The bill is moving through the normal legislative steps.

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Establishing pregnancy as a qualifying event

MA H1204

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let pregnant people sign up for health insurance anytime, helping them get care when they need it.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (MA H1204) — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H1204>

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# The Deduct Health Bill

Self-employed can deduct health insurance from gross income

MA H3017 · Healthcare & Insurance

8/10 **LIBERATE**  
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## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill would give freelancers and small business owners a tax break, helping them keep more of what they earn, while the state collects less revenue.

## WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

**Accountability** (neutral) — No change to who can be sued or held responsible.

The bill only changes tax calculation, not accountability rules

**Rights & Protections** (helps) — Expands tax benefit for selfemployed.

Provides a new deduction that lowers tax burden

**Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Reduces state revenue.

Tax deduction means less money collected from all taxpayers

**Process Transparency** (neutral) — No new reporting or oversight required.

Bill does not add new procedural steps

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

**Pushing for it:** self-employed individuals

**Bearing the cost:** state revenue

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

## Relative to the deduction of health insurance payments from gross income for self employed individuals

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

# The Home Water Bill

New tax credit for home water filtration systems proposed

MA H3184 • Consumer Protection

8/10 **LIBERATE**  
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## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, more people could afford safe drinking water at home. Now is the time to support it.

## WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No direct accountability measures included..  
Unknown
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Supports homeowners' rights to clean water..  
Tax credits promote access to clean water.
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Homeowners benefit from reduced costs..  
Tax credits lower the financial burden.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — The process is public and discussed..  
Hearings are scheduled for public input.

## FOLLOW THE MONEY

**Pushing for it:** homeowners  
**Bearing the cost:** Unknown

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

# Implementing a home water filtration tax credit

MA H3184

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help homeowners pay for water filters to keep their water clean.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

**Official text (MA H3184)** — <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H3184>

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