



**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

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**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND  
TWENTY-FIVE**

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 148: AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A LIVABLE HOME MODIFICATION GRANT  
PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** Safe, accessible, and dignified housing is a fundamental right for all residents, especially those living with disabilities or chronic health conditions *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts House Bill No. 148, filed by Representative Carol A. Doherty and co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of legislators, would establish a Livable Home Modification Grant Program to support eligible individuals in retrofitting their homes to include accessibility and sensory modifications; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The proposed program would allow eligible individuals or caregivers to receive grants of up to \$5,000—covering up to 50% of retrofit costs—for essential accessibility features such as zero-step entrances, widened doorways, accessible bathrooms and kitchens, and medical-grade backup generators; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The grant program prioritizes equity by capping income eligibility at 120% of the area median income and ensuring those who are not required to file federal taxes are automatically eligible if not otherwise covered by local, state, or federal programs; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Such modifications improve safety, support aging in place, and can help prevent more costly emergency room visits, hospitalizations, or premature transitions to long-term care facilities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston residents, including seniors, people with disabilities, and caregivers, would significantly benefit from increased access to financial

resources for home modifications that promote independence and reduce health disparities. ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

***ORDERED:*** That the Boston City Council hereby expresses its strong support for Massachusetts House Bill No. 148, “An Act establishing a livable home modification grant program,” and urges the Massachusetts Legislature to swiftly pass this important measure to improve accessibility, dignity, and quality of life for residents across the Commonwealth..

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