



Landlords Can't Evict HIV-Positive Tenant, Support Dog

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The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) ordered landlords to pay \$25,000 for trying to force HIV-positive tenant Richard M. Blake to get rid of his emotional support dog or move out of his Brighton apartment, *The Boston Globe* reports. Blake's landlords gave him permission to get the dog, but two months later they added a no-pet policy in tenants' leases. Blake's doctor recommended a support dog to improve his mental and physical health and overall quality of life while living with HIV. Blake filed a complaint with the MCAD when his landlords wouldn't accommodate his disability.

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