

SENATE No. 335

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act requiring photo identification to receive a ballot.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 76 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2002
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting the
3 following words:- Section 76. Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall give his name,
4 valid photo identification and his residence to one of the officers at the entrance to the space
5 within the guard rail, who shall thereupon distinctly announce the same. If such name is found on
6 the voting list, the election officer shall check and repeat the name and shall admit the voter to
7 the space enclosed by the guard rail and, in case of official ballots, other than those marked
8 “Challenged Ballots” as provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one
9 ballot. The use of electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting
10 equipments for the recording or broadcasting of the names of the voters not yet checked as
11 having voted shall be prohibited.

12 SECTION 2. Section 76B of Chapter 54, as so appearing is hereby amended by striking
13 out after the words “suitable written identification” the following:- when so requested by