

HOUSE No. 3380

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shaunna L. O'Connell and Ryan C. Fattman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the use of cash benefit assistance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>

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By Representative O’Connell of Taunton and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3380) of Shaunna L. O’Connell, Ryan C. Fattman and others relative to the use of cash benefit assistance. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the use of cash benefit assistance.

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. Subsection (a) of section 5I of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Access
3 device”, the following definition:

4 “Border state”, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island or Vermont.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 5I of said chapter 18 is hereby further amended by inserting
6 after subsection (b) the following subsection:-

7 (b ½) No person shall knowingly use direct cash assistance funds held on an electronic
8 benefit transfer card or access device in a state other than the commonwealth or a border state.
9 The department shall track, on a monthly basis, the usage of direct cash assistance funds in
10 violation of this subsection. The department shall contact each recipient whose electronic benefit
11 transfer card or access device has been used in violation of this subsection, and shall investigate
12 the violation accordingly.

13 SECTION 3. The department of transitional assistance shall promulgate rules and
14 regulations to implement the requirements of this act.