

SENATE No. 74

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

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 to SAVE Massachusetts tax dollars.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 74) of Ryan C. Fattman, Shaunna L. O'Connell and Richard J. Ross for legislation to SAVE Massachusetts tax dollars. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 91 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act to SAVE Massachusetts tax dollars.

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. Chapter 7 of the General Laws, as amended by section 69 of chapter 165 of
2 the acts of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 62 the following section:-

3 Section 63. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary
4 of administration and finance shall direct all state agencies under the control of the governor or a
5 secretary that are responsible for the issuance of public benefits or licensure to register for the
6 federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, or SAVE, system. The secretary shall
7 further instruct said agencies and departments to use SAVE to verify whether applicants for a
8 public benefit or license, whose documentation is not available or is questionable, are qualified
9 for benefit eligibility purposes.

10 (b) Consistent with federal and state law, the registration for the SAVE system pursuant
11 to this section shall be incorporated into a uniform system with such state agencies to determine
12 common eligibility standards for applicants.

13 (c) The secretary of administration and finance shall, on or before December 31, 2016,
14 provide a written report to the senate and house committees on ways and means and the clerks of
15 the senate and house or representatives detailing the steps it has undertaken to implement SAVE.
16 Should a state agency required to register for the SAVE system under subsection (a) fail to
17 implement the system prior to December 31, 2016, the secretary shall include in his report the
18 specific reasons that agency has been unable to implement the SAVE program and a proposed
19 action plan, including any legislation or requests for appropriations, to effectuate the registration
20 of the SAVE system within 6 months.