

HOUSE No. 102

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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 proof of residency.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Marc T. Lombardo</i> | <i>22nd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2017</i> |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> | <i>1/18/2017</i> |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>1/18/2017</i> |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/24/2017</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | |
| <i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> | |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i> | <i>30th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Geoff Diehl</i> | <i>7th Plymouth</i> | |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i> | <i>3rd Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i> | <i>8th Plymouth</i> | |

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| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Kate D. Campanale</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i> | <i>9th Essex</i> | |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i> | <i>12th Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Leonard Mirra</i> | <i>2nd Essex</i> | |

HOUSE No. 102

By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 102) of Marc T. Lombardo and others for legislation to require proof of residency for public benefits. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 103 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to proof of residency.

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: The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 117A the
2 following new chapter:-- Chapter 117B Residency Requirements for Public Benefits Section 1.
3 Self declaration of residency shall not be accepted as a valid form of residency verification for
4 individuals applying for taxpayer-funded individual benefits from the Commonwealth of
5 Massachusetts. Councils on Aging are exempt from this requirement.