

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1961**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas A. Golden, Jr.***

*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 loss of state benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1961) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others relative to the suspension of benefits by the Department of Transitional Assistance for persons convicted of certain crimes against the person. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 88 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the loss of state benefits.

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

1 Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 31. Any benefit provided to an individual under this chapter shall be suspended  
3 by the department should the individual receiving the benefits be convicted of 3 or more crimes  
4 against the person under chapter 265.

5 Upon the suspension of benefits, the department shall hold a hearing to determine the  
6 permanent revocation of all benefits provided by this chapter. The department shall promulgate  
7 rules and regulations regarding the suspension, revocation, and reinstatement of benefits process.