

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1966**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James J. Lyons, 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 public benefit requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lyons of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1966) of James J. Lyons, Jr. that public benefits only be received by individuals who are residents of the Commonwealth and have proper verifiable documents or identification from their country of origin. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 105 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 public benefit requirements.

*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. (a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the  
2 following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

3           "Federal Public Benefits," the same meaning as provided in section 1611 of Title 8 of the  
4 United States Code.

5           "State Public Benefits," the same meaning as provided in section 1621 of Title 8 of the  
6 United States Code.

7           (b). Except as where otherwise provided for by federal, general, or special law, all state  
8 public benefits and all federal public benefits shall only be received by individuals who are

- 9 citizens of the commonwealth and for persons who are residents of the commonwealth and have
- 10 proper verifiable documents or identification from their country of origin”.