

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2568**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

SENATE, Thursday, June 21, 2018

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the Senate Bill to provide identification to homeless youth and families (Senate, No. 1906),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2568).

For the committee,  
Karen E. Spilka

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An Act to provide identification to homeless youth and families.

*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 8E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “cards”, in line 6, the following words:- ;  
3 provided, however, that the registrar’s regulations shall include a process for a person who is  
4 homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless youth to apply for a Massachusetts identification  
5 card and to waive any fees associated with obtaining the identification card; provided further,  
6 that said process shall allow for a person who is homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless  
7 youth to submit proof of residency by providing documentation satisfactory to the registrar (i)  
8 from entities that provide services in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, homeless  
9 service providers, or (ii) of services received from a department, division, office or agency of the  
10 executive office of health and human services. For the purposes of this section, the term  
11 “homeless”, shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney  
12 Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, 42 U.S.C. § 11302(a), as amended from time to time, and the  
13 term “unaccompanied homeless youth”, shall mean a person 24 years of age or younger who is

- 14 not in the physical custody or care of a parent or legal guardian and who lacks a fixed, regular
- 15 and adequate nighttime residence.