SENATE No. 2043

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 provide identification to homeless youth and families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester	
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	1/24/2019
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/29/2019
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	1/30/2019
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	1/31/2019
José F. Tosado	9th Hampden	1/30/2019
William N. Brownsberger	Second Suffolk and Middlesex	1/31/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	2/1/2019
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	2/1/2019
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	2/1/2019
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	2/1/2019
Cindy F. Friedman	Fourth Middlesex	2/1/2019
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	2/4/2019
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	2/4/2019
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	2/5/2019

Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	5/19/2019
Tami L. Gouveia	14th Middlesex	7/10/2019

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 2568 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court (2019-2020)

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

- Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, 42 U.S.C. § 11302(a), as amended from time to time, and the
- 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
- and adequate nighttime residence.