

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2128**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*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 ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2128) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration.

*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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 8M the following section:-

3           Section 8N. (a) A male applicant who applies for an operator’s license, learner’s permit,  
4 identification card or a renewal of any such permit or license and who is at least 18 years of age  
5 but less than 26 years of age authorizes the registrar to register the applicant with the Selective  
6 Service System in compliance with section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act through the  
7 applicant’s signature on the application unless the applicant indicates otherwise as described in  
8 subsection (b).

9           (b) The registrar shall give notice to any male applicant who is at least 16 years of age but  
10 less than 26 years of age that the applicant has a duty under federal law to register with the  
11 Selective Service System at age 18. If the applicant has not registered within 30 days after  
12 reaching 18 years of age, he shall be informed that he still has an affirmative obligation under

13 federal law to register with the Selective Service System before reaching 26 years of age. The  
14 registrar shall also notify the applicant that his signature on an application for any such license,  
15 permit, identification card or renewal shall constitute consent to authorize the registrar to forward  
16 the applicant's information to the Selective Service System, registering the applicant with the  
17 Selective Service System unless the applicant declines to give such consent by signing a  
18 statement so stating on the application.

19 (c) If the applicant is at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age the registrar  
20 shall notify the applicant that his signature on an application for any such license, permit,  
21 identification card or renewal shall constitute consent authorizing the applicant to be registered  
22 upon attaining 18 years of age as required by federal law.

23 (d) The registrar shall notify the applicant that a refusal to grant such consent shall not be  
24 grounds for denial of driving privileges nor shall it be a basis for the registrar to discriminate  
25 against the applicant, and that the opportunity to give such consent to the registrar is provided  
26 only for the convenience of the applicant. This notice shall be made both verbally and through a  
27 written document available in English, Spanish and such other languages as the registrar  
28 determines. If the applicant grants that authority, the registrar shall forward to the Selective  
29 Service System, in an electronic format, no sooner than the applicant's eighteenth birthday, only  
30 the information necessary for registration of the applicant.

31 (e) Failure to grant such authority as provided in this section shall not be a basis for the  
32 registrar or any other related government agency to discriminate against the applicant, including  
33 but not limited to the denial of driving privileges.

34 (f) The registrar shall not distribute or make available to any person or governmental  
35 agency in any way any list of those applicants who declined to grant the registrar authority to  
36 forward their information to the Selective Service System. The registrar shall not compile,  
37 develop or maintain any such list unless it is necessary for the administration and operation of  
38 the registry, and such list shall not be given to any other governmental or non-governmental  
39 agency. The registrar shall not distribute or make available to any person or governmental  
40 agency any list of those applicants who did grant the registrar authority to forward their  
41 information to the Selective Service System except as otherwise authorized by this section.

42 SECTION 2. Implementation of this act shall be contingent on the receipt by the registrar  
43 of motor vehicles of sufficient federal funds to pay a reasonable portion of the initial start-up  
44 costs for computer programming changes necessary to implement the requirements of this  
45 section related to the reporting of information to the Selective Service Administration. The  
46 registrar shall initiate and monitor efforts to obtain federal funds for the purposes stated in this  
47 act and shall report promptly to the joint committee on public safety and the house and senate  
48 committees on ways and means when federal funds have been received by the department.