

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2576

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Senate, February 27, 2020— Text of the Senate Bill to provide identification to homeless youth and families (being the text of Senate, No. 2555, printed as amended)

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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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 1. Section 8E of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

3           When establishing criteria for identification cards, the registrar’s regulations shall include  
4   a process for a person who is homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless youth to apply for a  
5   Massachusetts identification card and to waive any fees associated with obtaining the  
6   identification card; provided, however, that the process shall allow for a person who is homeless  
7   or is an unaccompanied homeless youth to submit proof of residency by providing  
8   documentation that is satisfactory to the registrar and that: (i) is from an entity that provides  
9   services in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, homeless service providers; or (ii) is  
10   evidence of services that the person received from a department, division, office or agency of the  
11   executive office of health and human services. The registrar and the state secretary shall enter  
12   into a memorandum of understanding under section 42G ½ of chapter 51 to implement this  
13   paragraph, as appropriate.

14           For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

15           “Homeless”, shall have the same meaning as in section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney  
16 Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, 42 USC 11302(a), as amended.

17           “Unaccompanied homeless youth”, a person who: (i) is 24 years of age or younger; (ii) is  
18 not in the physical custody or care of a parent or legal guardian; and (iii) lacks a fixed, regular  
19 and adequate nighttime residence.