

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2612**

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

SENATE, January 10, 2022.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (Senate, No. 2276),- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2612).

For the committee,  
Michael J. Rodrigues

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An Act to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness.

*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 2020 Official Edition,
- 2       is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-
  - 3           The regulations establishing criteria for identification cards shall include a process for a
  - 4       person who is homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless youth to apply for a Massachusetts
  - 5       identification card and to waive any fees associated with obtaining the identification card;
  - 6       provided, however, that the process shall allow for a person who is homeless or is an
  - 7       unaccompanied homeless youth to submit proof of residency by providing documentation that is
  - 8       satisfactory to the registrar and that is: (i) from an entity that provides housing services or youth
  - 9       services in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, homeless service providers; or (ii)
  - 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 federal Stewart B.

16   McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, 42 USC 11302, 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.