

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sally P. Kerans

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 replace stolen benefits.

PETITION OF:

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<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to replace stolen benefits.

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 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 subsection (B)(s), the following new subsection:-

3 Subsection (t). promptly replace the full amount of financial assistance or nutrition
4 benefits stolen through electronic benefit transfer card skimming, card cloning or other
5 fraudulent methods, including organized identity theft schemes, to the extent the federal
6 government fails to provide federal funds to replace stolen benefits, provided that the thefts have
7 been reported to or identified by the Department in accordance with procedures for making and
8 verifying replacement claims established by the department.