

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adrian C. Madaro

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 relative to Massachusetts identification cards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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

An Act relative to Massachusetts identification cards.

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 the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the sentence ending in line 45, the following
3 words:-

4 An applicant for an identification card under this section who does not provide proof of
5 lawful presence, including an applicant who is ineligible for a social security number, shall be
6 eligible for a Massachusetts identification card if the applicant meets all other qualifications for
7 an identification card and provides satisfactory proof to the registrar of their identity, date of
8 birth and Massachusetts residency as stipulated in section 8 of this chapter. When processing an
9 application for a Massachusetts identification card pursuant to this section, the registrar shall not
10 inquire about or create a record of an applicant’s citizenship or immigration status except as may
11 be required under 52 U.S.C. or chapter 51 of the General Laws. When processing an application
12 for registration of a motor vehicle, or a renewal thereof, submitted by an applicant who holds a

13 Massachusetts identification card the registrar shall not inquire about or create a record of an
14 applicant's citizenship or immigration status.

15 SECTION 2. Said section 8E of Chapter 90 the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
16 further amended by inserting, before the words “identification card” in line 48, the words “REAL
17 ID-compliant”, and by striking out, after the words “identification card” in line 48, the words “of
18 any type”.

19 SECTION 3. Said section 8E of Chapter 90 the General Laws is hereby further amended
20 by striking out, in line 51, the words “an identification card” and inserting in place thereof “a
21 REAL ID-compliant identification card”.

22 SECTION 4. Said section 8E of Chapter 90 the General Laws is hereby further amended
23 by inserting, before the words “identification card” in line 60, and again before the words
24 “identification card” in line 62, the words “REAL ID-compliant”.

25 SECTION 5. Said section 8E of Chapter 90 the General Laws is hereby further amended
26 by inserting, after the sentence ending in line 68, the following sentence:- If, at the expiration of
27 the term of a REAL ID-compliant identification card, the card holder does not provide proof of
28 lawful presence, the card holder shall remain eligible to apply for a Massachusetts identification
29 card.

30 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any information
31 provided by or relating to an applicant for or a holder of a Massachusetts identification card
32 under section 8E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, including failure to provide proof of lawful
33 presence as defined in section 1 of said chapter 90, including, but not limited to, personally
34 identifying information, photographs, and communications between the applicant and the

35 registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to said section 8E of said chapter 90, shall neither be a
36 public record nor be disclosed by the registrar, except as required by federal law or as authorized
37 by regulations promulgated by the attorney general.