

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Robyn K. Kennedy***

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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 replace stolen benefits.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Robyn K. Kennedy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Worcester*

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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 1. Subsection (B) of Section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as so  
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended after line 172 by inserting the  
3 following new paragraph:-

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