

HOUSE No. 1227

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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 instate tuition.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Marc T. Lombardo

22nd Middlesex

Timothy R. Whelan

1st Barnstable

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1227) of Marc T. Lombardo and Timothy R. Whelan relative to in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 637 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to instate tuition.

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:

2 (a) Section 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph:—

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of
5 determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education,
6 in the case of an individual who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States as
7 those terms are defined under federal immigration law, the individual shall not be eligible for in-
8 state tuition.

9 (b) Subsection (t) of Section 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby further
10 amended striking out subsection (t), and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—

11 (t) issue regulations defining resident of the commonwealth and proof of the same for the
12 purpose of admission and tuition expenses of public institutions of higher education and prepare
13 uniform proofs of residence to be used by all public institutions; provided, however, for the
14 purposes of this clause, a resident of the commonwealth shall also be a citizen or permanent
15 resident of the United States, as provided in section 1621 of Title 8 of the United States Code;
16 provided further, that insofar as the Massachusetts Maritime Academy is designated a regional
17 maritime academy by the United States maritime administration, residents of the states
18 comprising the designated region and attending the Massachusetts Maritime Academy shall be
19 considered Massachusetts residents for the purposes of admission and tuition;