

SENATE No. 2043

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 provide identification to homeless youth and families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/4/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/5/2019</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2043) of Harriette L. Chandler, Kay Khan, Rebecca L. Rausch, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide identification to homeless youth and families. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2568 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act to provide identification to homeless youth and families.

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 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “cards”, in line 6, the following words:- ;
3 provided, however, that the registrar’s regulations shall include a process for a person who is
4 homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless youth to apply for a Massachusetts identification
5 card and to waive any fees associated with obtaining the identification card; provided further,
6 that said process shall allow for a person who is homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless
7 youth to submit proof of residency by providing documentation satisfactory to the registrar (i)
8 from entities that provide services in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, homeless
9 service providers, or (ii) of services received from a department, division, office or agency of the
10 executive office of health and human services. For the purposes of this section, the term

11 “homeless”, shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney
12 Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, 42 U.S.C. § 11302(a), as amended from time to time, and the
13 term “unaccompanied homeless youth”, shall mean a person 24 years of age or younger who is
14 not in the physical custody or care of a parent or legal guardian and who lacks a fixed, regular
15 and adequate nighttime residence.