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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

*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>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**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  
2 Edition, 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.