

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 246**

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**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 the utilization of the systematic alien verification for entitlements program by the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 246) of Marc T. Lombardo and others relative to eligibility for certain entitlement programs. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to the utilization of the systematic alien verification for entitlements program by the Commonwealth.

*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 appearing  
2 in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

3 (t) verify that an applicant for benefits through any transitional assistance financial  
4 assistance program administered by the department is a United States citizens or lawfully present  
5 alien prior to providing any benefits. The department shall register for the systematic alien  
6 verification for entitlements program established by the United States Citizenship and  
7 Immigration Services and shall use said program to verify an applicant’s eligibility pursuant to  
8 this clause.

9 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
10 amended by adding the following subsection:-

11 (w) verify that an applicant for benefits through any housing program for low and  
12 moderate income families administered by the department is a United States citizens or lawfully  
13 present alien prior to providing any benefits. The department shall register for the systematic  
14 alien verification for entitlements program established by the United States Citizenship and  
15 Immigration Services and shall use said program to verify an applicant's eligibility pursuant to  
16 this paragraph.

17 SECTION 3 . Section 2 of chapter 111I of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
18 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

19 The department of public health shall verify that an applicant for benefits through the  
20 WIC program is a United States citizens or lawfully present alien prior to providing any benefits.  
21 The department shall register for the systematic alien verification for entitlements program  
22 established by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and shall use said  
23 program to verify a beneficiary's eligibility pursuant to this paragraph.

24 SECTION 4. Section 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
25 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

26 (17) The division shall verify that a beneficiary is a United States citizens or lawfully  
27 present alien prior to providing any medical benefits through MassHealth. The division shall  
28 register for the systematic alien verification for entitlements program established by the United  
29 States Citizenship and Immigration Services and shall use said program to verify a beneficiary's  
30 eligibility pursuant to this paragraph.