

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3388**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James J. O'Day***

*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 youth and adults experiencing homelessness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/21/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>

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By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3388) of James J. O'Day and others that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness.

*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 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

3 The regulations establishing criteria for identification cards shall include a process for a  
4 person who is homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless youth to apply for a Massachusetts  
5 identification card and to waive any fees associated with obtaining the identification card;  
6 provided, however, that the process shall allow for a person who is homeless or is an  
7 unaccompanied homeless youth to submit proof of residency by providing documentation that is  
8 satisfactory to the registrar and that is: (i) from an entity that provides housing services or youth  
9 services in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, homeless service providers; or (ii)  
10 evidence of services that the person received from a department, division, office or agency of the  
11 executive office of health and human services. The registrar and the state secretary shall enter

12 into a memorandum of understanding under section 42G ½ of chapter 51 to implement this  
13 paragraph, as appropriate.

14 For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

15 “Homeless”, shall have the same meaning as in section 103 of the federal Stewart B.  
16 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, 42 USC 11302, as amended.

17 “Unaccompanied homeless youth”, a person who: (i) is 24 years of age or younger; (ii) is  
18 not in the physical custody or care of a parent or legal guardian; and (iii) lacks a fixed, regular  
19 and adequate nighttime residence.