

SENATE No. 724

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 Mass Health Eligibility Checks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 724) of Bruce E. Tarr and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation relative to Mass Health Eligibility Checks. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to Mass Health Eligibility Checks.

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. Chapter 118E is hereby amended by adding after section 78 the following
2 12 sections:-

3 Section 79. The division on at least a monthly basis, shall receive and review information
4 from the state lottery commission concerning individuals that indicates a change in
5 circumstances that may affect eligibility, including but not limited to changes in income or
6 resources.

7 Section 80. On at least a monthly basis, the division shall receive and review information
8 from the registry of vital records and statistics concerning individuals enrolled that indicates a
9 change in circumstances that may affect eligibility.

10 Section 81. On at least a quarterly basis, the division shall receive and review information
11 from the department of unemployment assistance concerning individuals enrolled that indicates a

12 change in circumstances that may affect eligibility, including but not limited to changes in
13 employment or wages.

14 Section 82. On at least a quarterly basis, the division shall receive and review information
15 from the department of transitional assistance concerning individuals enrolled that indicates a
16 change in circumstances that may affect eligibility, including but not limited to potential changes
17 in residency as identified by out-of-state electronic benefit transfer (EBT) transactions. The
18 division in consultation with the department of transitional assistance shall develop a plan to
19 facilitate, individuals receiving SNAP benefits if eligibility is confirmed by the information
20 shared pursuant to this section

21 Section 83. The division shall sign a memorandum of understanding with any
22 department, agency, or division for information detailed in this chapter.

23 Section 84. The division may contract with one or more independent vendors to provide
24 additional data or information which may indicate a change in circumstances that may affect
25 eligibility.

26 Section 85. The division shall explore joining any multi-state cooperative to identify
27 individuals who are also enrolled in public assistance programs outside of this state, including
28 the National Accuracy Clearinghouse.

29 Section 86. If the division receives information concerning an individual enrolled
30 indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility, the division shall review the
31 individual's case.