

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 102**

**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 proof of residency.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                     |
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| <i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>       | <i>22nd Middlesex</i>                 |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>   | <i>3rd Bristol</i>                    |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>      | <i>18th Worcester</i>                 |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i>                   |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i>        | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>John C. Velis</i>          | <i>4th Hampden</i>                    |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i>           | <i>9th Norfolk</i>                    |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i>       | <i>5th Plymouth</i>                   |
| <i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>    | <i>18th Essex</i>                     |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i>         | <i>30th Middlesex</i>                 |
| <i>Geoff Diehl</i>            | <i>7th Plymouth</i>                   |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>         | <i>8th Worcester</i>                  |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i>       | <i>36th Middlesex</i>                 |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i>          | <i>1st Hampden</i>                    |
| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>  | <i>20th Middlesex</i>                 |
| <i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>    | <i>3rd Hampden</i>                    |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>    | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>           |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>     | <i>8th Plymouth</i>                   |

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| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>   | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Kate D. Campanale</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i>        |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i>    | <i>9th Essex</i>             |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i>    | <i>12th Norfolk</i>          |
| <i>Leonard Mirra</i>     | <i>2nd Essex</i>             |

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 102) of Marc T. Lombardo and others for legislation to require proof of residency for public benefits. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 103 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to proof of residency.

*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: The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 117A the  
2 following new chapter:-- Chapter 117B Residency Requirements for Public Benefits Section 1.  
3 Self declaration of residency shall not be accepted as a valid form of residency verification for  
4 individuals applying for taxpayer-funded individual benefits from the Commonwealth of  
5 Massachusetts. Councils on Aging are exempt from this requirement.