

HOUSE No. 135

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral and Judith A. Garcia

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 establishing basic needs assistance for Massachusetts immigrant residents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Judith A. Garcia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Christopher J. Worrell</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>

<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2023</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2023</i>

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By Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Garcia of Chelsea, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 135) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Judith A. Garcia and others for legislation to establish basic needs assistance for Massachusetts immigrant residents. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing basic needs assistance for Massachusetts immigrant residents.

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 18 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 39 the following new section:

3 Section 40. The department of transitional assistance shall, subject to appropriation,
4 provide the following basic needs benefits to persons residing in the Commonwealth who are
5 lawfully admitted for permanent residence or are otherwise permanently residing in the United
6 States under color of law: a) cash assistance and related benefits to children, pregnant women
7 and caretaker adults who meet the eligibility requirements of Chapter 118 of the General Laws
8 except for the program requirements related to immigration status or citizenship and b)
9 nutritional assistance benefits to persons who meet the eligibility requirements of the
10 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program except for the program requirements related to
11 immigration status or citizenship. The basic needs benefits authorized under this section shall be
12 provided at the same level and subject to the same requirements as benefits provided under

- 13 Chapter 118 or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, with the exception of the
- 14 immigration status or citizenship requirements of those programs.