

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2974**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Geoff Diehl*

*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 ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Geoff Diehl*

*Timothy R. Madden*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*7th Plymouth*

*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2974) of Geoff Diehl and Timothy R. Madden relative to registering applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles with the selective service administration. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration.

*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 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 8M the following section:-

3 Section 8N. (a) A male applicant who applies for an operator’s license, learner’s permit,  
4 identification card or a renewal of any such permit or license and who is at least 18 years of age  
5 but less than 26 years of age authorizes the registrar to register the applicant with the Selective  
6 Service System in compliance with section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act through the  
7 applicant’s signature on the application.

8 (b) The registrar shall give notice to any male applicant who is at least 16 years of age but  
9 less than 26 years of age that the applicant has a duty under federal law to register with the  
10 Selective Service System at age 18. If the applicant has not registered within 30 days after  
11 reaching 18 years of age, he shall be informed that he still has an affirmative obligation under  
12 federal law to register with the Selective Service System before reaching 26 years of age. The

13 registrar shall also notify the applicant on the application that his signature on an application for  
14 any such license, permit, identification card or renewal shall constitute consent to register with  
15 the Selective Service System.

16 (c) If the applicant is at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age the registrar  
17 shall notify the applicant on the application that his signature on an application for any such  
18 license, permit, identification card or renewal shall constitute consent authorizing the applicant to  
19 be registered upon attaining 18 years of age as required by federal law.

20 SECTION 2. Implementation of this act shall be contingent on the receipt by the registrar  
21 of motor vehicles of sufficient federal funds to pay a reasonable portion of the initial start-up  
22 costs for computer programming changes necessary to implement the requirements of this  
23 section related to the reporting of information to the Selective Service Administration. The  
24 registrar shall initiate and monitor efforts to obtain federal funds for the purposes stated in this  
25 act and shall report promptly to the joint committee on public safety and the house and senate  
26 committees on ways and means when federal funds have been received by the department.