HOUSE No. 3360

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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:
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	1/19/2023
Vanna Howard	17th Middlesex	1/31/2023
James C. Arena-DeRosa	8th Middlesex	2/8/2023
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	13th Middlesex	2/8/2023
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/8/2023
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	2/9/2023
Carol A. Doherty	3rd Bristol	2/20/2023
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	2/23/2023
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex	3/2/2023
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	3/4/2023

FILED ON: 1/19/2023

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By Representative Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3360) of Kay Khan and others that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. *3515* OF 2021-2022.]

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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:

- SECTION 1. Section 8E of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-
- When establishing criteria for identification cards, the registrar's regulations shall include
- 4 a process for a person who is homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless youth to apply for a
- 5 Massachusetts identification card and to waive any fees associated with obtaining the
- 6 identification card; provided, however, that the process shall allow for a person who is homeless
- 7 or is an unaccompanied homeless youth to submit proof of residency by providing
- 8 documentation that is satisfactory to the registrar and that: (i) is from an entity that provides
- 9 services in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, homeless service providers; or (ii) is
- 10 evidence of services that the person received from a department, division, office or agency of the

executive office of health and human services. The registrar and the state secretary shall enter into a memorandum of understanding under section 42G ½ of chapter 51 to implement this paragraph, as appropriate.

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

"Homeless", shall have the same meaning as in section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, 42 USC 11302(a), as amended.

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