

# SENATE . . . . . No. 147

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Robyn K. Kennedy***

*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 replace stolen benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Robyn K. Kennedy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Worcester*

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By Ms. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 147) of Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to replace stolen benefits relative to electronic benefit transfer fraud. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act to replace stolen benefits.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1            Subsection (B) of Section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the  
2    2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended after line 172 by inserting the following new  
3    paragraph:-

4            (t). promptly replace the full amount of financial assistance or nutrition benefits stolen  
5    through electronic benefit transfer card skimming, card cloning or other fraudulent methods,  
6    including organized identity theft schemes, to the extent the federal government fails to provide  
7    federal funds to replace stolen benefits, provided that the thefts have been reported to or  
8    identified by the Department in accordance with procedures for making and verifying  
9    replacement claims established by the department.