

**SENATE . . . . . No. 73**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 work requirements.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                  | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                     |                  |
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| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |                  |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i>      | <i>5th Barnstable</i>                 | <i>2/1/2017</i>  |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>   | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>      | <i>2/14/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 73) of Richard J. Ross, Randy Hunt and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to work requirements. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to work requirements.

*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. Section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subsection (B) by inserting the following new paragraph:-  
3           (t) require all recipients over the age of 18 to work to remain eligible for cash assistance.  
4 Recipients must work the required hours per week as specified in 106 CMR 203.400(A)(5). This  
5 provision shall not apply to recipients who are attending a secondary school full time,  
6 participating in an education or training activity, as defined in 106 CMR 203.400(A)(2)(i), or  
7 exempt from the work requirements under 106 CMR 203.400(A)(1)(a) through (c), inclusive.  
8 The recipient must meet this requirement within 60 days of receiving cash assistance.