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July 8, 2016

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

 Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 54 of House Bill No. 4450, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2017 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 54, together with sections 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 96, 141, and 142, implements a number of changes necessary for the Commonwealth to comply with new standards set by the federal government for credential holders and ensure that Massachusetts licenses and identification cards remain valid forms of federal identification. However, while other sections make clear that lawful presence is required for the issuance of any Massachusetts license or identification card, Section 54 does not clearly reference this requirement.

For this reason, I recommend that Section 54 be amended by adding to the third paragraph of the amended section 8 of chapter 90, as proposed in Section 54, the following sentence:- No license of any type may be issued to any person who does not have lawful presence in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,