

SENATE No. 2911

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger, (BY REQUEST)

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 protect communities of color.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jonathan Green

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2911) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan Green for legislation relative to the ban of menthol tobacco. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act to protect communities of color.

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

1 By a Person of the Commonwealth, a petition for legislation relative to the protection of
2 communities of color from the unintended negative consequences that will result from The Acts
3 of 2019, Chapter 13, Section 28 banning the sale of menthol tobacco.

4 The purpose of this bill is to provide the state with sufficient time to address the
5 disproportionate economic, social, public health, and community safety impacts the combination
6 of the COVID -19 pandemic, and the banning of the sale of menthol tobacco products will have
7 on communities of color.

8 SECTION 1. Amend the Acts of 2019, Chapter 133, Section 28, by striking 2020, and
9 replacing it with 2021, or a date certain 12 months from the date of passage of this bill.

10 SECTION 2. This act will take effect upon passage.