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# SENATE . . . . . No. 953

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Brian A. Joyce***

*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 authorizing cities and towns to prohibit the sale or use of polystyrene packaging.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Brian A. Joyce* | *Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth* |

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By Mr. Joyce, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 953) of Brian A. Joyce for legislation relative to prohibiting the use or sale of polystyrene packaging. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1034* OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act authorizing cities and towns to prohibit the sale or use of polystyrene packaging.

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

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town may prohibit the sale or use of polystyrene packaging products by any vendor, commercial or retail user of polystyrene, unless the vendors or retail users of such products demonstrate to an official designated by the chief executive officer of the city or town that such vendors or users are actively engaged in a comprehensive effort to recycle the polystyrene packaging materials that it generates. Such recycling effort shall include ongoing collection and delivery of the packaging materials to an established recycling facility.