

**SENATE . . . . . No. 85**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Harriette L. Chandler, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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 prohibiting slotting allowances..**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Harvey Clark*

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act prohibiting slotting allowances..

*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. Chapter 93 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
2 section:--

3           Section 43A. The request for mandatory slotting fees shall be prohibited in any trade or  
4 business which involves the sale of specialty food products made by small producers, with less  
5 than one million dollars in sales in the previous calendar year, in the Commonwealth of  
6 Massachusetts. For purpose of this section, a slotting fee shall mean the mandatory submission of  
7 money or free products, in return for shelf space in a retail store.

8           Any person or business which violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by  
9 a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars.