HOUSE No. 2698

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 package store employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	1/21/2011
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	2/4/2011
Jason M. Lewis	31st Middlesex	2/4/2011

FILED ON: 1/21/2011

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2698) of Paul McMurtry, Kay Khan and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to require that employees of package stores be at least twenty-one years of age. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 273 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to package store employees.

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

- SECTION 1. Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 15E, the following new section:
- 3 Section 15 F. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all employees
- 4 of a store licensed to sell alcohol to be consumed off the premises as licensed by Section 15 of
- 5 Chapter 138 shall be at least twenty-one years of age. The commission shall enforce the
- 6 requirements of this section, by administrative proceedings, against a person licensed under this
- 7 section whose employee is under twenty one years of age and directly handles or sells alcoholic
- 8 beverages in violation of this section, as follows: -
- a first violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1000.

- 10 A second violation of this section shall be punished by a suspension of the licensee's license for a length to be determined by the commission and a fine of \$5,000.
- All persons employed by a licensee under section 15 of chapter 138 at the time of the enactment of this section shall be exempt.