

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 994**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Vincent A. Pedone*

*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 improve the law for the pricing of grocery and retail items.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Vincent A. Pedone</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 994) of Vincent A. Pedone relative to the pricing of grocery and retail items. Community Development and Small Businesses.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3545 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to improve the law for the pricing of grocery and retail items.

*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. Section 184B of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the eighth paragraph and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following paragraph:

4 “Food department”, any seller other than a food store with any grocery item section, area,  
5 or display and which sells two hundred or more different food items for consumption off the  
6 seller’s premises at least in part to individuals for their own personal, family, or household use;  
7 provided, however, that any food section which is within a larger business and is the functional  
8 equivalent of a supermarket with its own separate checkout, may be deemed a food store by the  
9 director of standards.