

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1832**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul J. Donato***

*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 the powers and duties of cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1832) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to prohibit cities and towns from passing any rule, regulation, ordinance or by-law which interferes with interstate or intrastate trade or commerce. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the powers and duties of cities and towns.

*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 21 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is amended in line 4 by inserting after the word “limits”, the following:—  
3           , provided that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town  
4 may not make any rule, regulation, ordinance or by-law interfering with interstate or intrastate  
5 trade or commerce or regulating any product or consumer good, and provided further, that no  
6 language in this section shall restrict the authority of any city or town from filing a home rule  
7 petition under Article LXXXIX of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the  
8 Commonwealth.