

SENATE No. 870

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael R. Knapik

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 franchises in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael R. Knapik

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 870) of Michael R. Knapik for legislation relative to franchises in Massachusetts. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to franchises in Massachusetts.

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 148 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof, the following new
3 subsection:-

4 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an individual who is a party to a
5 franchise agreement under which a person or entity licenses or authorizes the individual to sell
6 products or services in accordance with prescribed methods and procedures and under service
7 marks, trademarks, trade names and other intellectual property licensed under such agreement
8 shall not be considered an employee of the person or entity that grants the license or
9 authorization. For purpose of this section, franchise shall have the meaning given to it by the
10 Federal Trade Commission.