

**SENATE . . . . . No. 953**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Brian A. Joyce*

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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 authorizing cities and towns to prohibit the sale or use of polystyrene packaging.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brian A. Joyce*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Joyce, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 953) of Brian A. Joyce for legislation relative to prohibiting the use or sale of polystyrene packaging. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1034 OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act authorizing cities and towns to prohibit the sale or use of polystyrene packaging.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town may prohibit  
2 the sale or use of polystyrene packaging products by any vendor, commercial or retail user of  
3 polystyrene, unless the vendors or retail users of such products demonstrate to an official  
4 designated by the chief executive officer of the city or town that such vendors or users are  
5 actively engaged in a comprehensive effort to recycle the polystyrene packaging materials that it  
6 generates. Such recycling effort shall include ongoing collection and delivery of the packaging  
7 materials to an established recycling facility.