

HOUSE No. 1688

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael D. Brady, (BY REQUEST)

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 black Friday retail hours.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Doucette</i>	<i>260 Torrey St. Brockton, MA 02301</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Brady of Brockton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1688) of James Doucette relative to the hours of operation for stores and shops that sell goods at retail on certain holidays. Labor and Workforce Development.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to black Friday retail hours.

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 16 of chapter 136 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
3 paragraph:-

4 All stores and shops which sell goods at retail may be open at any time on Sundays and
5 on Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day, but no such stores and shops may be open on
6 Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day or the day following Thanksgiving Day until 5 o'clock in the
7 forenoon. The performance of labor, business and work directly connected to retail sales on these
8 days shall also be allowed; provided, however, that no employee employed by a store or shop
9 which sells goods at retail shall be required to report for work any earlier than 4 o'clock in the
10 forenoon on the day following Thanksgiving Day. Stores and shops allowed to open under this
11 section may sell on these days all types of goods and foodstuffs which may lawfully be offered
12 for sale in the commonwealth other than alcoholic beverages; provided, however, that on the day

13 following Thanksgiving Day such stores and shops may offer alcoholic beverages for sale as
14 allowed by any other general or special law. To the extent that this section is inconsistent with
15 section 6 or any other general or special law, this section shall control.