

SENATE No. 2135

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SENATE, Monday, February 22, 2016

The committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 212) of Eileen M. Donoghue, Josh S. Cutler, James B. Eldridge and Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation to establish the MassMade Program,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2135).

For the committee,
Eileen M. Donoghue

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An Act establishing the MassMade Program.

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

1 Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 64 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 65. (a) The Massachusetts office of business development (“office”) shall
4 establish the MassMade Program. The purpose of the program shall be to identify, compile, and
5 promote business entities that are headquartered and produce consumer products in
6 Massachusetts. MassMade Program shall be operated by either the office or by a tax-exempt,
7 charitable organization approved by the office. TheMassMade Program shall create, operate and
8 regularly update a website which shall offer an online directory of commonwealth business
9 entities and consumer products and which shall be freely accessible to the public. The website
10 shall serve (1) as an informational tool by providing business information, product descriptions,
11 contact information, and website details; and (2) as a resource for consumers by offering search
12 capabilities for consumer products based on criteria including, but not limited to, product type,
13 retailers, business locations, and product price.

14 (b) Participation in the MassMade Program shall be free for business entities in the
15 commonwealth seeking to join and be listed and which possess a Certificate of Good Standing
16 from the office of consumer affairs and business regulation.

17 (c) The office may expend such funds as may be appropriated therefor, and may accept
18 federal funds, or private gifts and grants to assist it in carrying out the purposes as set forth in
19 this section.