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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 a study of the economic impact of the increased minimum wage.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| *Bradley H. Jones, Jr.* | *20th Middlesex* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Elizabeth A. Poirier* | *14th Bristol* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Susan Williams Gifford* | *2nd Plymouth* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Paul K. Frost* | *7th Worcester* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Todd M. Smola* | *1st Hampden* | *2/3/2017* |
| *F. Jay Barrows* | *1st Bristol* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Sheila C. Harrington* | *1st Middlesex* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Keiko M. Orrall* | *12th Bristol* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Donald H. Wong* | *9th Essex* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Steven S. Howitt* | *4th Bristol* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Geoff Diehl* | *7th Plymouth* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Kimberly N. Ferguson* | *1st Worcester* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Hannah Kane* | *11th Worcester* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Randy Hunt* | *5th Barnstable* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Nicholas A. Boldyga* | *3rd Hampden* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Joseph D. McKenna* | *18th Worcester* | *11/1/2017* |
| *Kevin J. Kuros* | *8th Worcester* | *11/1/2017* |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1015) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to a study of the economic impact of the increased minimum wage. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1723* OF 2015-2016.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court**
**(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to a study of the economic impact of the increased minimum wage.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:—

Section 23. The department shall perform a study evaluating the effectiveness of the first stage of wage increases on unemployment rates in the commonwealth. The study shall be conducted by the director of the department of labor and workforce, or their designee, who shall serve as chair, the director of the department of unemployment assistance, or their designee, the director of the department of revenue, or their designee, the director of the division of labor standards, or their designee, and four members of the public representing business owners across the commonwealth, appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates chosen by the National Federation of Independent Business, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Retailers

Association of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation. The study shall analyze the effectiveness of the current minimum wage on the cost of living in the commonwealth and the effect of the increased minimum wage on job creation and unemployment rates.

The chair shall file a report with the clerk of the House of Representatives and the clerk of the Senate on or before May 1 2017. The report shall include recommendations regarding any change in the minimum wage for the following year.