

HOUSE No. 1021

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin J. Kuros

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 creating an opportunity wage for teens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Kuros of Uxbridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1021) of Kevin J. Kuros and others relative to wages paid to persons under eighteen years of age. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1731 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act creating an opportunity wage for teens.

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 of chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following:—

3 This section shall not apply to workers under the age of eighteen. A wage which is lower
4 than the minimum wage by more than 20%, in any occupation, shall conclusively be presumed to
5 be oppressive and unreasonable, unless the commissioner has expressly approved or shall
6 expressly approve the establishment and payment of a lesser wage under the provisions of
7 sections seven and nine.