

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1565**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Joan B. Lovely***

*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 the taxation of cider.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2017</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1565) of Joan B. Lovely, Richard J. Ross, John W. Scibak, Paul Tucker and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the taxation of cider. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4678 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the taxation of cider.

*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. Section 21 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 20 and 21, the words “six per cent of  
3 alcohol by weight” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 8 1/2 per cent alcohol by  
4 volume.

5           SECTION 2. Said section 21 of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby further  
6 amended by striking out, in line 25, the word “six” and inserting in place thereof the following  
7 figure:- 8 1/2.