

HOUSE No. 182

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 allowing retail stores and shops to open on Thanksgiving Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Colleen M. Garry

36th Middlesex

Michael J. Soter

8th Worcester

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 182) of Colleen M. Garry and Michael J. Soter for legislation to authorize retail stores to open during holidays. Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 126 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act allowing retail stores and shops to open on Thanksgiving Day.

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. Chapter 136 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 sixteen and replacing it with the following:-

3 All stores and shops which sell goods at retail may be open at any time on Sundays and
4 on Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, but no such stores and shops
5 may be open on Christmas Day if Christmas occurs on a Sunday. The performance of labor,
6 business and work directly connected to retail sales on these days shall also be allowed. Stores
7 and shops allowed to open under this section may sell on these days all types of goods and
8 foodstuffs which may lawfully be offered for sale in the commonwealth other than alcoholic
9 beverages. To the extent that this section is inconsistent with section 6 or any other general or
10 special law, this section shall control.

11 The provisions of law inserted into clause (50) of section six of this chapter by chapter
12 five hundred and fifty-six of the Acts of 1982 pertaining to voluntariness of work and time and
13 one half payments shall apply to any such work performed on said days. The terms "Memorial
14 Day," "July Fourth", "Labor Day" and "Thanksgiving Day" shall mean the legal holidays on
15 which said days are celebrated in accordance with clause eighteen of section seven of chapter
16 four of the General Laws.