

HOUSE No. 3534

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

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 increasing the legal age for marijuana consumption and purchase from 21 to 25.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>James J. O'Day</i> | <i>14th Worcester</i> | <i>1/15/2019</i> |

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3534) of James J. O'Day relative to increasing the legal age for marijuana consumption and purchase from 21 to 25 years of age. Cannabis Policy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act increasing the legal age for marijuana consumption and purchase from 21 to 25.

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 32L of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in the first paragraph, as amended by section
3 16 of chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, the words “18 to 21 years of age, inclusive to” and inserting
4 in place thereof the following words:- 18 to 25 years of age, inclusive to.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 striking out, in the definition of “Consumer,” as amended by section 20 of chapter 55 of the Acts
7 of 2017, the figure “21” and inserting in the place thereof the following figure:- 25.

8 SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
9 hereby amended by striking out, in each instance, the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof
10 the following figure:- 25.

11 SECTION 4. Section 4 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
12 amended by striking out, in clause (xxi) of subsection (a1/2), in each instance, as amended by

13 section 26 of chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof the
14 following figure:- 25.

15 SECTION 5. Section 4 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
16 amended by striking out, in clause (xxix) of subsection (a1/2), in each instance, as amended by
17 section 26 of chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, the words “21 years of age” and inserting in place
18 thereof the following words:- 25 years of age.

19 SECTION 6. Section 4 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
20 amended by striking out, in clause (xxxii) of subsection (a1/2), in each instance, as amended by
21 section 26 of chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof the
22 following figure:- 25.

23 SECTION 7. Section 4 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
24 amended by striking out, in clause (xxxii) of subsection (a1/2), as amended by section 26 of
25 chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof the following
26 figure: -25.

27 SECTION 8. Clause (6) of subsection (a) of section 4 of chapter 94G of the General
28 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 42, the figure “21” and
29 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 25.

30 SECTION 9. Section 7 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
31 amended by striking out, in each instance, the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof the
32 following figure:- 25.

33 SECTION 10. Section 8 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
34 amended by striking out, in each instance, the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof the
35 following figure:- 25.

36 SECTION 11. Section 9 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
37 amended by striking out, in subsection (b), in each instance, as amended by section 36 of
38 chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof the following
39 figure: -25.

40 SECTION 12. Subsection (e) of section 12 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so
41 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 31, the figure “21” and inserting in place
42 thereof the following figure:- 25.

43 SECTION 13. Section 12 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
44 amended by striking out, in subsection (h) and subsection (i), in each instance, as amended by
45 section 37 of chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof the
46 following figure:- 25.

47 SECTION 14. Subsection (f) of section 13 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so
48 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in each instance, the figure “21” and inserting in
49 place thereof the following figure:- 25.