

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 273**

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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 fees at health clubs.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>  | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Bradford Hill</i>          | <i>4th Essex</i>      | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>   | <i>14th Bristol</i>   | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i>   | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i>          | <i>7th Worcester</i>  | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i>          | <i>1st Hampden</i>    | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i>             | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i>       | <i>4th Bristol</i>    | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>     | <i>1st Plymouth</i>   | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i>       | <i>8th Worcester</i>  | <i>1/31/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 273) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to membership fees at health clubs for certain physically or medically disabled persons. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to fees at health clubs.

*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 80 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the last paragraph the following:-

3 “If a buyer becomes physically or medically disabled for a period in excess of three  
4 months during the membership term, he or she shall have the option to be relieved of liability for  
5 payment on that portion of the contract term for which the buyer is disabled, or to extend the  
6 duration of the contract at no additional cost for a period equal to the duration of the disability.

7 No contract shall impose any type of fee for a period of three months if the buyer  
8 becomes physically and medically disabled and the disability is verified by a licensed physician.”