

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1123**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

*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 to ensure full participation in the marijuana industry.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1123) of Nick Collins, Daniel J. Hunt, Rebecca L. Rausch, James B. Eldridge and others for legislation to ensure full participation in the marijuana industry. Cannabis Policy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to ensure full participation in the marijuana industry.

*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 94G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the  
2 following definition:-

3 “Social Equity Program” a program administered by the Commission to provide training  
4 and technical assistance to eligible applicants and licensees. This program includes a Social  
5 Equity fund established and administered by the Commission. The purposes of the fund shall  
6 include but shall not be limited to training and technical assistance to municipalities and  
7 residents interested in participating in the cannabis industry and technical assistance for existing  
8 Social Equity Program licensees.

9 SECTION 2. Subsection a 1/2 of Section 4 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, is hereby  
10 amended by striking clause (ii) and by inserting in place thereof the following clauses:-

11 (ii) a schedule of application, license and renewal fees in an amount necessary to pay for  
12 all regulation and enforcement costs of the commission including, but not limited to, the Social

13 Equity Program; provided that 2% of the funds generated by said fees shall go directly to funding  
14 the Social Equity program through the Social Equity Fund; provided further however that fees  
15 may be relative to the volume of business conducted or to be conducted by the marijuana  
16 establishment;

17 (iii) Municipalities which create their own Social Equity program in compliance with the  
18 Commission's Social Equity program will have the ability to apply to the fund.

19 SECTION 3. Subsection a 1/2 of Section 4 of chapter 94G of the General Laws is hereby  
20 amended by striking clause (iv) by inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

21 (iv) procedures and policies to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated  
22 marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately  
23 harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities  
24 with services which shall include but shall not be limited to educational seminars, workforce  
25 development trainings, local employment opportunities, expungement clinics, outreach and re-  
26 entry assistance;