

HOUSE No. 2007

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mary S. Keefe

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 creative economy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>

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By Ms. Keefe of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2007) of Mary S. Keefe and Michael O. Moore relative to persons performing job-related services. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1652 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the creative economy.

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 148B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following subsection:

3 (a^{1/2}) Notwithstanding subsection (a), an individual who is an artist, freelance writer,
4 editor, proofreader or indexer in the publishing industry shall be considered to be an employee
5 under this chapter and chapter 151 unless the individual: (i) freely and voluntarily identifies,
6 markets or promotes oneself as a freelancer, as self-employed, as a sole proprietor or as an
7 independent business; (ii) controls and regularly negotiates the use of the individual’s intellectual
8 property; and (iii) meets the federal standards for being an independent contractor including, but
9 not limited to, standards developed by the United States Internal Revenue Service or Department
10 of Labor.