

SENATE No. 1077

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

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 enhance state anti-trust powers and enforcement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Vincent Lawrence Dixon

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1077) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation to enhance state anti-trust powers and enforcement. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 970 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act to enhance state anti-trust powers and enforcement.

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. The Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the
2 following new chapter:

3 An Act to Enhance State Anti-Trust Powers and Enforcement.

4 1.) Sound, and honest economic, and business behavior, benefit the economy of the
5 Commonwealth, its businesses, organizations, and the individual consumers of
6 Massachusetts.

7 Therefore, this Statute sets standards, requiring, urging, and providing for the more robust

8 usage, and enforcement of anti-trust powers, presently held by all of the legal authorities
9 of
10 Massachusetts, including the Constitutional Officers, and the Judicial Authorities.

11 2.) While Federal Anti-Trust powers are important, and valuable, for various reasons, the
12 various authorities of The United States, from time to time, lack the resources, or have
13 other
14 more important focuses, regarding various business activities, and problems. When this is
15 true,
16 and even under normal circumstances, situations present themselves, in the view of state
17 authorities, that can, and/or should, be monitored, and acted upon by the Commonwealth.

18 3.) In doing so, the sound, and honest economy, and benefit to consumers of
19 Massachusetts, can be improved.

20 4.) Therefore, this legislation provides that the Attorney General of Massachusetts, make
21 public formal recommendations, in an annual Economic Enforcement Report, as to what
22 measures relating to anti-trust, need revitalization, streamlined regulation, and consumer-
23 friendly
24 enforcement in terms of sound business practices in our Commonwealth.

25 5.) Particular attention in this Annual Report, shall be given to monitoring, and

26 enforcement relating to large so-called chain stores, across all fields, for their
27 maintenance of
28 honest pricing, and sales promotion processes.

29 6.) Sound regulation of business practices, shall also be reviewed, by this Annual Report;
30 with particular attention to the ability of small, and medium-sized businesses, being able
31 to
32 compete fairly, and honestly, in successful ways.