

SENATE No. 1233

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 allowing 12 and 13 year old youth to be employed as soccer referees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1233) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to allow 12 and 13 year old youth to be employed as soccer referees. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1103 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act allowing 12 and 13 year old youth to be employed as soccer referees.

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. Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 191 the following section:-

3 SECTION 192. A minor of twelve or thirteen years of age may be employed as a youth
4 soccer referee for recreational non-results oriented matches for an age bracket younger than the
5 minor’s own age; provided, that (1) the employer possesses a written consent from the minor's
6 parent or guardian; (2) the employer provides the minor’s parent or guardian with written
7 policies describing the responsibilities of a referee; (3) that said employer also provides the
8 minor with training before the minor's employment begins; and (4) an adult representing the
9 employer is on the premise during the match.