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HOUSE . . . . . No. 112

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Hannah Kane

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 establishing a minimum age of entry for cannabis.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*1/10/2023*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/26/2023*
Paul A. Schmid III	*8th Bristol*	*2/1/2023*
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*2/6/2023*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*2/7/2023*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*4/3/2023*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*4/5/2023*

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By Representative Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 112) of Hannah Kane and others for legislation to establish a minimum age of entry for cannabis-related events. Cannabis Policy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *163* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to establishing a minimum age of entry for cannabis.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 94G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 22. Any marijuana-related event, forum, convention or conference to promote or encourage marijuana use or to educate users or prospective users on marijuana use, marijuana products or marijuana accessories held at any location in the commonwealth shall have a minimum age requirement of 21 years of age, and the organizer of such event, forum, convention or conference shall ensure that any person attending the event is at least 21 years of age; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to marijuana use prevention programs for youth, youth educational programs or substance misuse programs related to marijuana use.

9 An event organizer that fails to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of
10 not more than $2,000; provided that an event organizer who reasonably relies on: (i) a liquor
11 purchase identification card issued pursuant to section 34B of chapter 138, (ii) a motor vehicle
12 license issued pursuant to section 8 of chapter 90, (iii) an identification card issued under section
13 8E of said chapter 90, (iv) a valid passport issued by the United States government, or by the
14 government, recognized by the United States government, of a foreign country, or (v) a valid
15 United States issued military identification card, for proof of a person's identity and age shall be
16 presumed to have acted with due care and shall not be found to have failed to comply with this
17 section; but such presumption shall be rebuttable.