

HOUSE No. 1852

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler

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 youth soccer referees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/6/2023</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>

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By Representative Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1852) of Josh S. Cutler and Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the employment of certain youth sports referees. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1949 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to youth 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.