

HOUSE No. 229

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler and Kathleen R. LaNatra

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 establishing the MassMade Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/5/2023</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/5/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Francisco E. Paulino</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>5/10/2023</i>

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By Representatives Cutler of Pembroke and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 229) of Josh S. Cutler, Kathleen R. LaNatra and others that the Office of Business Development establish a MassMade program to identify, connect and support businesses that produce consumer goods in the Commonwealth. Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 284 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act establishing the MassMade Program.

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 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 10A the following section:-

3 Section 10A½. (a) The Massachusetts office of business development shall establish a
4 MassMade program. The program shall identify, connect and support businesses that: (i) produce
5 consumer goods in the commonwealth; (ii) identify obstacles to conducting business in the
6 commonwealth; and (iii) act as a resource for consumers seeking consumer goods made in the
7 commonwealth. The Massachusetts office of business development may consult with and seek
8 input from interested stakeholders and shall work with entities, including MassMade businesses,
9 regional economic development organizations, small business associations, chambers of

10 commerce, the supplier diversity office, the Massachusetts marketing partnership and the office
11 of consumer affairs and business regulation to collect and provide business and product
12 information related to MassMade businesses. All MassMade program information shall be
13 readily accessible and free to the public.

14 (b) For purposes of this section, “MassMade businesses” shall mean any entity that: (i)
15 produces a consumer good including, but not limited to, food and beverage products in the
16 commonwealth; (ii) is headquartered in the commonwealth or has a principal place of business in
17 the commonwealth; (iii) possesses a certificate of good standing from the department of revenue;
18 and (iv) seeks to join the MassMade program.

19 (c) The Massachusetts office of business development may expend such funds as may be
20 necessary for the MassMade program and as may be appropriated for the program. The
21 Massachusetts office of business development may accept federal funds or private gifts and
22 grants to assist in carrying out this section.

23 (d) The Massachusetts office of business development shall promulgate the regulations
24 necessary for the administration of this section.

25 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2021, the division of capital asset management
26 and maintenance shall submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives
27 detailing methods to promote and provide support to businesses that are headquartered or have a
28 principal place of business in the commonwealth and are engaged in the division’s bidding
29 process. The report shall, at a minimum, examine the factors considered in selecting bidders for
30 projects and provide recommendations on effective strategies to elicit the participation of
31 businesses that are headquartered or have a principal place of business in the commonwealth.

32 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
33 Massachusetts office of business development shall conduct a feasibility study on developing
34 and maintaining an internet-based system to facilitate the exchange of information for the
35 MassMade program that shall include, but shall not be limited to, procurement requests by and
36 from entities involving products made in the commonwealth.