

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 309**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jessica Ann Giannino*

*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 retail sales and protect consumers from forced labor.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>

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By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 309) of Jessica Ann Giannino for legislation to further regulate retail businesses with customer-operated point-of-sale stations. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to enhance retail sales and protect consumers from forced labor.

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

1 Chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting in Section 1 the following definitions:

3 Business, any retail business or quick service restaurant as defined in this section.

4 Customer-operated point-of-sale (POS) station, also known as self-scanning checkout or  
5 self-checkout (SCOs or assisted checkouts (ACOs) or self-service checkouts, a designated point-  
6 of-sale area where customers pay for and bag their own merchandise without interacting with a  
7 human cashier.

8 Point-of-sale system (POS), any computer or electronic system used by a retail  
9 establishment such as, but not limited to, Universal Product Code scanners, price lookup codes,  
10 or an electronic price lookup system as a means for determining the price of the item being  
11 purchased by a consumer.

12 Quick Service Restaurant, an establishment selling food or beverages where products are  
13 served to patrons primarily over a sales counter or a drive-up window sales point, where there is  
14 minimal or no direct service to patrons seated at tables, and where employees are paid at least the  
15 minimum required hourly wage.

16 Retail Business, a business that sells goods or products for use or consumption by  
17 individual purchasers, including but not limited to grocery stores, pharmacies, liquor stores,  
18 cannabis establishments and hardware stores.

19 And again after Section 184E by adding the following section:-

20 Section 184E ½

21 Section 2: Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, any business that  
22 operates more than one Customer-operated point-of-sale station at any one time per location  
23 shall be required to offer patrons using said Customer-operated point-of-sale station not less than  
24 a 25% discount on all goods and services purchased per transaction.