

HOUSE No. 887

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers

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 restricting distribution of single-use plastic straws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>

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By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 887) of David M. Rogers and Michelle M. DuBois relative to restricting distribution of single-use plastic straws. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 998 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act restricting distribution of single-use plastic straws.

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 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 6B the following section:–

3 Section 6C. (a) As used in this section the following terms shall, unless the context
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:–

5 “Food establishment”, an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends, or
6 otherwise provides food for human consumption, including but not limited to any establishment
7 requiring a permit to operate in accordance with the State Food Code.

8 “Single-use plastic straw”, a single-use, disposable tube made predominantly of plastic
9 derived from either petroleum or a biologically based polymer, such as corn or other plant

10 sources, used to transfer a beverage from a container to the mouth of the person drinking the
11 beverage. “Single-use plastic straw” shall not include a straw made from non-plastic materials,
12 including, but not limited to, paper, pasta, sugar cane, wood, or bamboo.

13 (b) A food establishment shall not provide a single-use plastic straw to a customer unless
14 requested by the customer.

15 (c) The relevant licensing authority applicable to the food establishment may enforce the
16 provisions of this section for a first violation of this section by providing a written warning and
17 for a second or subsequent violation a fine of \$25 for each day food establishment is in violation,
18 but not to exceed \$300 annually.