

SENATE No. 139

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 139) of John C. Velis for legislation to establish the MassMade Program. Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 149 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 10A ½. (a) The Massachusetts office of business development shall establish a
4 MassMade Program which shall identify, connect and support businesses that produce consumer
5 goods in the commonwealth, identify obstacles to conducting business in the commonwealth,
6 and act as a resource for consumers seeking consumer goods made in the commonwealth. The
7 Massachusetts office of business development may consult with and seek input from interested
8 stakeholders and shall work with entities including MassMade businesses, regional economic
9 development organizations, small business associations, chambers of commerce, the supplier
10 diversity office, the Massachusetts marketing partnership and the office of consumer affairs and

business regulations in order to collect and provide business and product information related to MassMade businesses. All MassMade Program information shall be readily accessible and free to the public.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term “MassMade business” shall mean any entity that (1) produces a consumer good including, but not limited to, food and beverage products in the commonwealth; (2) is headquartered in the commonwealth or has a principal place of business in the commonwealth; (3) possesses a certificate of good standing from the department of revenue; and (4) seeks to join the MassMade Program.

(c) The Massachusetts office of business development may expend such funds as may be appropriate for the MassMade Program and as may be appropriated therefor. The Massachusetts office of business development may accept federal funds or private gifts and grants to assist in carrying out this section.

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

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts office of business development shall conduct a feasibility study on developing and maintaining an internet-based system to facilitate the exchange of information for the MassMade Program that shall include, but shall not be limited to, procurement requests by and from entities involving products made in the commonwealth.