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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1034

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:
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*1/16/2025*

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By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1034) of David M. Rogers relative to restricting distribution of single-use plastic straws. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *887* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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