

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 113**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Nicholas A. Boldyga*

*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 resolve:

Resolve to make America healthy again.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 113) of Nicholas A. Boldyga for an investigation by a special commission relative to the safety of certain foods and food additives. Agriculture.

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

Resolve to make America healthy again.

1           **Resolved**, Section 1. Establishment of Commission

2           There is hereby established a special commission, to be known as the "Commission to  
3 Study the Safety of Food and Food Additives" (hereinafter "the Commission"), to investigate and  
4 make recommendations concerning the safety of certain foods and food additives

5           Section 2. Membership

6           The Commission shall consist of the following members:

7           (a) Three medical professionals appointed by the Governor, with expertise in public  
8 health, nutrition, or endocrinology.

9           (b) Two registered dietitians appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
10 specializing in clinical nutrition and public health nutrition.

11           (c) Two agricultural or food scientists appointed by the Commissioner of the Department  
12 of Agricultural Resources, with knowledge in food safety and additive effects.

- 13 (d) One representative from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- 14 (e) One representative from the Massachusetts Food Association.
- 15 (f) One consumer advocate appointed by the Attorney General, focused on food safety  
16 and consumer rights.
- 17 (g) One environmental scientist appointed by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental  
18 Affairs, with expertise in the environmental impact of food production.
- 19 (h) One pediatrician appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, to address the  
20 impact of food additives on children.
- 21 (i) Two representatives from a local farmers' market, organic or regenerative farming  
22 group, appointed by the Speaker of the House.
- 23 (j) Two representatives from a local farmers' market. organic or regenerative farming  
24 group, appointed by the Senate President.

25 The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Commission from among its members.

26 Section 3. Scope of Study

27 The Commission shall study the following foods and food additives, among others it may  
28 deem relevant:

29 (a) High Fructose Corn Syrup

30 (b) Seed Oils; including but not limited to soybean, canola, corn, cottonseed, and  
31 sunflower oils

- 32 (c) Artificial Coloring Dyes
- 33 (d) Monosodium Glutamate
- 34 (e) Artificial Sweeteners; including but not limited to Aspartame, Sucralose, Saccharin
- 35 (f) Trans Fats
- 36 (g) Sodium Nitrite/Nitrate used in processed meats
- 37 (h) Bisphenol A (BPA) in food packaging

38 The Commission may also consider emerging additives or foods of concern based on  
39 public discourse, scientific studies, or recommendations by local, state, and federal health  
40 agencies.

#### 41 Section 4. Powers and Duties

42 The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- 43 (a) To hold public hearings and conduct research.
- 44 (b) To employ staff necessary to carry out its functions.
- 45 (c) To issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses.

#### 46 Section 5. Reporting

47 The Commission shall issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the  
48 Governor, the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the public no later than two  
49 years from the date of its first meeting. This report shall include:

50 (a) An assessment of the health impacts of the studied foods and additives.

51 (b) Recommendations for legislative or regulatory actions to improve food safety.

52 (c) Suggestions for public education campaigns on food health.

53 Section 6. Funding

54 There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$2,000,000 for the  
55 biennium to fund the operations of the Commission, including staff salaries, research, hearings,  
56 and other necessary expenditures.