

HOUSE No. 2175

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Soter and Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to a youth training wage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>

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By Representatives Soter of Bellingham and Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2175) of Michael J. Soter, Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to a youth training wage. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1953 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to a youth training wage.

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 of chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following:-

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4 This section shall not apply to workers under the age of 18 who work 20 hours or less per
5 week and require a work permit, for the first 120 hours of employment with a new employer.

6 Said 120-hour period shall be referred to as a training period. Said workers under the age of 18
7 who are in the training period shall be subject to a minimum wage no less than \$10 per hour.