

HOUSE No. 987

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen R. LaNatra

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 the circular economy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 987) of Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the circular economy. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

An Act relative to the circular economy.

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 16 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding, after section
2 21, the following section:-

3 Section 21A. The department shall update state waste system plans to reflect and
4 incorporate the following: the transition to a circular economy is a priority for the
5 Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Circular economy is defined as an economy that keeps
6 material, products, and services in circulation for as long as possible.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding, after section
8 67, the following section:-

9 Section 68. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection shall create a
10 circular economy education and outreach program. This education and outreach program shall:
11 inform the public about what the circular economy is; inform the public on how they can
12 participate in the transition to a circular economy; inform Massachusetts businesses on what the

- 13 circular economy is; inform Massachusetts businesses on how to participate in the transition to a
- 14 circular economy.