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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Steven S. Howitt***

*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 food dyes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>5/13/2025</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to food dyes. Public Health.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to food dyes.

*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 186 of Chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out lines 83 and 84, and inserting in place thereof the following:

3           ‘Tenth, if it falls below the standard of purity, quality or strength which it purports or is  
4 represented to possess; or

5           Eleventh, if it is food for human consumption that contains any added substance or  
6 ingredients which are poisonous or injurious to the health, including Red Dye 3, Red Dye 40,  
7 Yellow Dye 5, Yellow Dye 6, Blue Dye 1, Blue Dye 2, and Green Dye 3.’”