

SENATE No. 1427

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

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 prohibiting municipal bans of face coverings for protective or medical use.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2025</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/22/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2025</i>

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1427) of William N. Brownsberger, Joanne M. Comerford, Colleen M. Garry and Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to prohibit municipal bans of face coverings for protective or medical use. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act prohibiting municipal bans of face coverings for protective or medical use.

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 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 69 the following section:-

3 Section 70. No city or town shall enact an ordinance or by-law, or establish any policy,
4 that prohibits the wearing of face coverings for protective or medical use in any indoor or
5 outdoor space open to the public including, but not limited to:

6 Any publicly-owned facility;

7 Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores;

8 Public streets, parks, and ways; and

9 Any location, including hotels, event venues, and private clubs, that hosts indoor or
10 outdoor events or performances.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
12 section 31E the following section:-

13 Section 31F. No board of health shall adopt a regulation that prohibits the wearing of face
14 coverings for protective or medical use in any indoor or outdoor space open to the public
15 including, but not limited to:

16 Any publicly-owned facility;

17 Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores;

18 Public streets, parks, and ways; and

19 Any location, including hotels, event venues, and private clubs, that hosts indoor or
20 outdoor events or performances.