

SENATE No. 158

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 increasing accessibility in restaurants for physically handicapped persons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Joan B. Lovely

Catherine Fritz

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Essex

101 Brooksby Village Dr., Peabody, MA

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 158) of Joan B. Lovely and Catherine Fritz, for legislation to increase accessibility in restaurants for physically handicapped persons. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 112 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act increasing accessibility in restaurants for physically handicapped persons.

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 13A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after the eighth
2 paragraph, the following:-

3 Any restaurants, including but not limited to, cafeterias, lounges, bars and other places
4 open to the public where food or beverages are served are required to have at least 5% of the
5 chairs be armchairs or have them available on-site upon request.