

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John F. Keenan***

*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 to restore the statute of limitations for deaths due to tobacco use.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John F. Keenan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk and Plymouth*

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to restore the statute of limitations for deaths due to tobacco 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. Section 2 of Chapter 229 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “deceased”, in line 34, the  
3 following words:- “ . An action to recover damages under this section is not derivative of any  
4 personal injury claim brought by the decedent and may be commenced regardless of whether the  
5 decedent timely commenced a claim for the injury causing death”.

6           SECTION 2. This act shall apply retroactively to July 6, 2023.