

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 establishing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of certain marijuana license types.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Worcester

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

An Act establishing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of certain marijuana license types.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 94G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 22 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 23. (a) Notwithstanding section 4(a)(x) and section 5 of this chapter, or any other
4 general or special law, rule, regulation, or order to the contrary, from the effective date of this
5 section until 180 days after the publication of the report to the Joint Committee on Cannabis
6 Policy of the General Court pursuant to subsection (b), the commission shall not issue any
7 marijuana retailer, marijuana cultivator or marijuana product manufacturer licenses to any person
8 or entity unless such person or entity has submitted a marijuana establishment license application
9 that has been deemed complete by the commission prior to the effective date of this section or
10 unless such person is a participant in the social equity or economic empowerment program
11 established by section 22 of this chapter. The moratorium established under this subsection shall
12 not prohibit the issuance of any social consumption license.

13 (b) The Cannabis Control Commission shall conduct or retain an outside expert in
14 economic analysis to conduct and publish a study analyzing the businesses licensed under this
15 chapter. The study shall analyze the appropriate number of licenses to be licensed under this
16 chapter, the adequacy of cannabis supply for patients and consumers, or whether an oversupply
17 harms market participants, and the adequacy of the commission's enforcement of its regulations
18 with respect to cultivation tiers. The Commission shall publish the results of the study on its
19 official website and submit a copy to the Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy.

20 (c) The Commission shall commence the study required under subsection (b) no later
21 than 30 days after the effective date of this section.

22 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the moratorium established by this section shall not
23 exceed one year from the effective date of this section.

24 (e) This section shall be effective upon passage.