

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*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 define modest meals and refreshments in prescriber education settings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jason M. Lewis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Fifth Middlesex*

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SEE SENATE, NO. 767 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to define modest meals and refreshments in prescriber education settings.

*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 1 of chapter 111N of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting before the definition of “Person” the following  
3 definition:-

4 “Modest Meals and Refreshments,” food and/or drinks provided by or paid for by a  
5 pharmaceutical or medical device manufacturing company or agent to a health care practitioner,  
6 the cost of which does not exceed the allowance defined by the United States General Services  
7 Administration for the Massachusetts per diem localities. The allowable amounts for modest  
8 meals and refreshments shall be updated on an annual basis in accordance with the United States  
9 General Services Administration meal allowance rates.

10 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 111N of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
11 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 84 to 86, the words “; provided that the department shall

12 define modest meals and refreshments through regulation” and inserting in place thereof the  
13 following sentences:-

14 For the purposes of this section, presentations that occur in a manner conducive to  
15 informational communication shall prohibit the provision of and pharmaceutical or medical  
16 device manufacturing company payment for any form of alcoholic beverage. Meals and  
17 refreshments shall be provided within the context of the informational presentation, and shall not  
18 occur prior to or following the educational presentation. Presentations shall not occur in locations  
19 that are otherwise recreational in nature, including, but not limited to, resorts, sporting clubs,  
20 casinos or other vacation destinations.

21 SECTION 3. Section 2A of Chapter 111N of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
22 hereby amended by inserting, after clause (3), the following items:

23 (4) total amount spent on meals for such presentation;

24 (5) total amount spent on the venue for such presentation;

25 (6) a description of the content of such presentation;

26 (7) total number of prescriber attendees at such presentation;

27 (8) names of attendees present at such presentation;

28 (9) names and credentials of presenters at such presentation; and

29 (10) total amount spent on other items of economic value provided at such presentation.

30 SECTION 4. Subsection (1) of section 6 of said chapter 111N of the General Laws, as so  
31 appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

32           The department of public health shall collect receipts for all required reporting  
33 expenditures pursuant to this section and section 2A of this chapter.