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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 prohibiting hotels from providing plastic-packaged toiletries.

#### 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)

An Act prohibiting hotels from providing plastic-packaged toiletries.

*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 21 of the General Laws, a | as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, |
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2 is hereby amended by inserting after chapter 210 the following chapter:-

#### 3 CHAPTER 21P.

4 MASSACHUSETTS HOTEL PACKAGING REDUCTION ACT

5 Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings

6 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

7 "Department", the department of environmental protection.

8 "Hotel", a building or portion of a building regularly used for the lodging of guests

9 including an apartment hotel, a motel or a boarding house, regardless of whether meals are

10 served.

| 11 | "Hospitality personal care product", a product provided by a hotel and intended to be                |
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| 12 | applied to or used on the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, conditioning or              |
| 13 | moisturizing including, but not limited to, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and liquid soap.            |
| 14 | "Small plastic bottle", a plastic container with a capacity of less than 12 ounces.                  |
| 15 | Section 2. A hotel shall not provide any small plastic bottle containing a hospitality               |
| 16 | personal care product.   |
| 17 | Section 3. A hotel that violates section 2 shall receive a warning notice detailing the              |
| 18 | hotel's requirement to correct the violation within thirty days from the date the notice is sent. A  |
| 19 | hotel shall be liable for a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars for the first violation after |
| 20 | receiving a warning and failing to correct the violation within thirty days and five hundred         |
| 21 | dollars for any subsequent violation in the same calendar year. A hearing or opportunity to be       |
| 22 | heard shall be provided prior to the assessment of any civil penalty.                                |
| 23 | Section 4. The department shall enforce the provisions of this act.                                  |
| 24 | Section 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.   |