

HOUSE No. 1645

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to independent contractors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1645) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to independent contractors. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to independent contractors.

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 148B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (a) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following new paragraph:-

4 (a) For the purpose of this chapter and chapter 151, an individual performing any service,
5 except as authorized under this chapter, shall be considered to be an employee under those
6 chapters unless:- (1) the individual is free from control and direction in connection with the
7 performance of the service, both under his contract for the performance of service and in fact;
8 and (2) the service is performed outside the usual course of the business of the employer; or, (3)
9 the individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation,
10 profession or business of the same nature as that involved in the service performed.