

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1723**

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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 a study of the economic impact of the increased minimum wage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1723) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to a study of the economic impact of the increased minimum wage. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to a study of the economic impact of the increased minimum wage.

*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 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:—

3 Section 23. The department shall perform a study evaluating the effectiveness of the first  
4 stage of wage increases on unemployment rates in the commonwealth. The study shall be  
5 conducted by the director of the department of labor and workforce, or their designee, who shall  
6 serve as chair, the director of the department of unemployment assistance, or their designee, the  
7 director of the department of revenue, or their designee, the director of the division of labor  
8 standards, or their designee, and four members of the public representing business owners across  
9 the commonwealth, appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates chosen by the National  
10 Federation of Independent Business, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Retailers  
11 Association of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation. The study shall  
12 analyze the effectiveness of the current minimum wage on the cost of living in the

13 commonwealth and the effect of the increased minimum wage on job creation and  
14 unemployment rates.

15           The chair shall file a report with the clerk of the House of Representatives and the clerk  
16 of the Senate on or before May 1 2015. The report shall include recommendations regarding any  
17 change in the minimum wage for the following year.