

HOUSE No. 178

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

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 allow certain stores and shops to open on holidays.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tackey Chan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Norfolk

HOUSE No. 178

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 178) of Tackey Chan relative to allowing stores and shops to open on holidays. Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 124 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to allow certain stores and shops to open on holidays.

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 16 of chapter 136 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “Sunday”, in line 4, the following
3 words:- ; provided, however, that any retail store or shop that sells foods and goods labeled in
4 English and another language which make up more than 50 per cent of the total amount of foods
5 and goods within a shop or store may be open on Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day;
6 provided, that such shop or store: (1) receives the approval of the municipal licensing board
7 where such store or shop is located; (2) does not violate any collective bargaining agreement and
8 is able to comply with regulations promulgated pursuant to chapter 149 and subsection 1A of
9 section 4 of chapter 151B of the general laws; and (3) no employee engaged in work and subject
10 to this exemption shall be required to perform such work, and refusal to work on Christmas Day

11 or Thanksgiving Day shall not be grounds for discrimination, dismissal, discharge, reduction in
12 hours, or any other penalty.

13 SECTION 2. Said section 16 of said chapter 136, as so appearing, is hereby further
14 amended by inserting after the word “days”, in line 15, the following words:- except as otherwise
15 provided in this section.