

HOUSE No. 1899

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 passage of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to restaurants' handling of food allergens .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Garrett J. Bradley

3rd Plymouth

James M. Cantwell

4th Plymouth

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1899) of Garrett J. Bradley and James M. Cantwell resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to restaurants' handling of food allergens . Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to restaurants' handling of food allergens .

- 1 Resolved,
- 2 Resolved, That a special commission is hereby established for the purposes of making an
- 3 investigation and study relative to food allergens in restaurants. The commission shall determine
- 4 whether it is feasible to require restaurants to use different utensils, working stations and storage
- 5 for foods that contain peanut oils or any other allergens that affect individuals who are allergic to
- 6 peanuts. The commission shall consist of the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Health, or
- 7 his designee; 1 member to be appointed by the Senate President; 1 member to be appointed by
- 8 the speaker of the house of Representatives; 1 member to be appointed by the senate minority
- 9 leader; 1 member to be appointed by the house minority leader; the commissioner of public
- 10 health or his designee, and a representative from the Massachusetts Restaurant Association.

- 11 The commission shall report to the General Court the results of the investigation and
- 12 study by filing the same with the clerk of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before
- 13 December 31, 2014.