

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1942**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kay Khan***

*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 protecting children from harmful diet pills and muscle-building supplements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>

<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1942) of Kay Khan and others relative to protecting children from harmful diet pills and muscle-building supplements. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act protecting children from harmful diet pills and muscle-building supplements.

*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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 237. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context  
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

5 "Dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building", a class of dietary supplements,  
6 and "Over-the-counter Diet Pills", a class of drugs, sold for or used with the intent to achieve  
7 weight loss or build muscle that are lawfully sold, transferred, or furnished over-the-counter with  
8 or without a prescription pursuant to the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C.  
9 section 301 et. seq., or regulations adopted thereunder. "Dietary supplements for weight loss or  
10 muscle building" and "Over-the-Counter Diet Pills" may include, but are not limited to,  
11 thermogens, which are substances that produce heat in the body and promote more calorie  
12 burning, lipotropics, which are compounds that help break down fat during body metabolism,

13 hormones, including hormone modulators and hormone mimetics, appetite suppressants, or  
14 ingredients deemed adulterated under 21 U.S.C.A § 342.

15 “Retail establishment”, any vendor that in the regular course of business sells dietary  
16 supplements for weight loss or muscle building at retail directly to the public including, but not  
17 limited to, pharmacies under chapter 112 sections 37 to 39C, grocery stores, mail-order or  
18 internet sale, and other retail stores.

19 (b) No over-the-counter diet pills or dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle  
20 building shall be sold to any person under 18 years of age.

21 (c) Any retail establishment that sells over-the-counter diet pills, or dietary supplements  
22 for weight loss or muscle building shall limit access to such products in a manner designed to  
23 prevent the misuse or abuse of such products. Such products shall not be directly accessible by  
24 customers, and may only be accessed by a manager, assistant manager, acting manager or other  
25 supervisory personnel at such location. Such products may only be purchased upon a request  
26 made by a customer to the manager, assistant manager, acting manager or other supervisory  
27 personnel at such location.

28 (d) Retail establishments shall conspicuously post at each purchase counter a notice  
29 developed and provided by the Department of Public Health clearly communicating that certain  
30 over-the-counter diet pills, or dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building are known  
31 to cause gastrointestinal impairment, tachycardia, hypertension, myocardial infarction, stroke,  
32 severe liver injury sometimes requiring transplant or leading to death, organ failure, other serious  
33 injury, and death.

34 (e) Whoever violates subsection (b), (c) or (d) shall be punished by a fine of no more than  
35 \$2,000.

36 (f) Any violation of this section shall constitute an unfair method of competition or an  
37 unfair or deceptive act or practice pursuant to chapter 93.

38 SECTION 2. The Department of Public Health, in consultation with the U.S. Food and  
39 Drug Administration and the stakeholders including, but not limited to, the eating disorders  
40 community, will determine which over-the-counter diet pills, or dietary supplements for weight  
41 loss or muscle building shall have limited accessibility.

42 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect in 180 days.