

HOUSE No. 270

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 written agreements with distributors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford 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>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>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st 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. 270) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to written agreements between manufacturers and distributors of alcoholic beverages. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act relative to written agreements with distributors.

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 25E of Chapter 138 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph, the following:-

3 “All distribution agreements between a manufacturer and a wholesaler or distributor shall
4 be in writing, signed by the parties or their authorized agents. Relationships between a
5 manufacturer and a wholesaler or distributor shall be governed by the parties’ written agreement,
6 the law of contracts, and/or other generally-applicable provisions and principles of commercial
7 law.”

8 SECTION 2. This Act shall apply to all relationships existing as of the effective date, and
9 all agreements and relationships entered into after the effective date.