

HOUSE No. 295

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark and Erika Uytterhoeven

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 worker-owned cooperative enterprises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>

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By Representatives Mark of Peru and Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 295) of Paul W. Mark, Erika Uytterhoeven and Susannah M. Whipps relative to worker-owned cooperative enterprises. Community Development and Small Businesses.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to worker-owned cooperative enterprises.

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 8 of Chapter 157 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the
2 phrase “organized under chapter one hundred and fifty-seven A,” the following:-

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4 entities determined to meet the standard of a Worker-Owned Cooperative Enterprise
5 (WOCE) by the state’s Apex Industry Organization, being the national nonprofit association of
6 worker-owned businesses with the largest number of worker-owned firms in Massachusetts as its
7 members as determined by the Undersecretary of the Department of Housing and Community
8 Development (DHCD)