

HOUSE No. 3138

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael S. Day

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 establishing a youth employment trust fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3138) of Michael S. Day and others that the Executive Office for Administration and Finance be authorized to establish the youth employment subsidy fund. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing a youth employment trust fund.

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

3 Section 63. (a) There shall be a youth employment subsidy program for employers
4 throughout the commonwealth. The program shall be administered by the secretary for qualified
5 employers. A qualified employer shall mean an employer who participates in the youth
6 employment program as provided for in this section; provided, however that such employer shall
7 provide substantive job training to the youth employee. For each minor hired by a qualified
8 employer, the secretary shall provide a subsidy to the employer to be determined by the
9 secretary. For the purposes of this section, the term qualified employer shall include a city or
10 town.

11 (b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a fund to be
12 known as the Youth Employment Subsidy Fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to subsidize

13 the youth employment subsidy program set forth in subsection (a). The fund shall consist of all
14 moneys received by the commonwealth equal to 1 per cent of the receipts of the sales price of
15 purchases received by all marijuana retailers as provided for in chapter 64N as excises paid to the
16 commissioner of revenue. Such amounts in the fund shall be held by the state treasurer
17 exclusively for the purposes of the youth employment subsidy program. The state treasurer shall
18 disburse amounts in the fund to the secretary, without further appropriation, upon the request
19 from time to time of the secretary.

20 (c) The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the
21 provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 2. Chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
23 is hereby amended by inserting after section 2B the following section:-

24 Section 2C. Notwithstanding section 1, or any other general or special law to the
25 contrary, a minor employed through the youth employment subsidy program establish under
26 section 63 of chapter 7 shall be entitled to a minimum wage of \$3 per hour below the minimum
27 wage set forth in section 1.