

HOUSE No. 420

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis

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 health clubs membership fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 420) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to membership fees at health clubs for certain physically or medically disabled persons. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act relative to health clubs membership fees.

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 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding after section 78A the following new section:

3 Section 78B. A health club shall be required to have their membership categories clearly
4 posted for consumers to view. Such posting shall contain the cost per category. Such categories
5 shall include senior citizen discounts, public employee discounts, second member of a family
6 discount, new member fees, and any other membership fee category that the Health Club offers
7 to consumers.

8 SECTION 2. Section 80 of said chapter 93 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
9 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:-

10 If a buyer becomes physically or medically disabled for a period in excess of 3 months
11 during the membership term, they shall have the option to be relieved of liability for payment on

12 that portion of the contract term for which the buyer is disabled, or to extend the duration of the
13 contract at no additional cost for a period equal to the duration of the disability.

14 No contract shall impose any type of fee for a period of 3 months if the buyer becomes
15 physically and medically disabled and the disability is verified by a licensed physician.