

HOUSE No. 833

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 establishing the commission on extended producer responsibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 833) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) on extended producer responsibility related to the manufacture and post-consumer management of products. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing the commission on extended producer responsibility.

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. There shall be a special commission, referred to as the commission on
2 extended producer responsibility, to study and report on implementing extended producer
3 responsibility laws in the commonwealth. The commission shall consist of the secretary of
4 energy and environmental affairs, or a designee; the commissioner of environmental protection,
5 or a designee; 1 member of the department of business development; 3 members of the house of
6 representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, and 1 of whom shall
7 be appointed by the minority leader of the house; 3 members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be
8 appointed by the senate president, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority
9 leader; and 2 members who shall be appointed by the governor.

10 The scope of the commission shall include, but not be limited to: researching, evaluating,
11 and developing recommendations regarding the economic, environmental, and public health
12 benefits and costs of extended producer responsibility laws related to the manufacture and post-

13 consumer management of products including, but not limited to, the following: leftover paint,
14 electronics, pesticides, household batteries, fluorescent lamps, phone books, carpet, medical
15 sharps, consumer packaging and printed materials, pharmaceuticals, tires and mercury
16 thermostats. The commission shall also research and make recommendations regarding the
17 establishment of a comprehensive product stewardship approach, also known as a framework
18 approach, to create a statewide policy structure for product stewardship that may be applied to an
19 array of products. The commission shall consult with manufacturers, retailers, recyclers,
20 environmental advocacy organizations, local units of government, and other interested parties,
21 and shall provide at least one opportunity for public comment and the public review of the
22 commission's draft report. The commission report shall include, but not be limited to, summaries
23 of the following: (1) the existing infrastructure for managing post-consumer materials and the
24 need for improvements to make this infrastructure convenient for the public; (2) the need for
25 public education to reach target populations; (3) the need for incentives to change consumer
26 behavior; (4) the current extended producer responsibility laws and pending extended producer
27 responsibility legislation in other new england states and around the country; (5) the common
28 elements of extended producer responsibility laws; (6) the opportunities to maximize the
29 efficiency of extended producer responsibility programs by coordinating with other states in the
30 region; and (7) the methods for evaluating the effectiveness of extended producer responsibility
31 programs.

32 The commission shall submit its report of the findings and recommendations together
33 with recommendations for legislation to implement those recommendations by filing the same
34 with the executive office of energy and environmental affairs; the department of environmental
35 protection; the department of business development; the joint committee on environment, natural

36 resources and agriculture; and the clerks of the senate and the house no later than 1 year after the
37 passage of this bill.