

HOUSE No. 857

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers

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 restricting distribution of single-use plastic straws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 857) of David M. Rogers and others relative to restricting distribution of single-use plastic straws. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act restricting distribution of single-use plastic straws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 6B the following section:–

3 Section 6C. (a) As used in this section the following terms shall, unless the context
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:–

5 “Food establishment”, an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends, or
6 otherwise provides food for human consumption, including but not limited to any establishment
7 requiring a permit to operate in accordance with the State Food Code.

8 “Single-use plastic straw”, a single-use, disposable tube made predominantly of plastic
9 derived from either petroleum or a biologically based polymer, such as corn or other plant
10 sources, used to transfer a beverage from a container to the mouth of the person drinking the
11 beverage. “Single-use plastic straw” shall not include a straw made from non-plastic materials,
12 including, but not limited to, paper, pasta, sugar cane, wood, or bamboo.

13 (b) A food establishment shall not provide a single-use plastic straw to a customer unless
14 requested by the customer.

15 (c) The relevant licensing authority applicable to the food establishment may enforce the
16 provisions of this section for a first violation of this section by providing a written warning and
17 for a second or subsequent violation a fine of \$25 for each day food establishment is in violation,
18 but not to exceed \$300 annually.