

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1373**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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 to protect communities of color.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jonathan D. Green*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*70 St. Botolph Street, Apt. 809, Boston, MA  
02116*

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By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1373) of Jonathan D. Green for legislation relative to the ban of menthol tobacco. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2911 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to protect communities of color.

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

1           By a Person of the Commonwealth, a petition for legislation relative to the protection of  
2 communities of color from the unintended negative consequences that will result from The Acts  
3 of 2019, Chapter 13, Section 28 banning the sale of menthol tobacco.

4           The purpose of this bill is to provide the state with sufficient time to address the  
5 disproportionate economic, social, public health, and community safety impacts the combination  
6 of the COVID -19 pandemic, and the banning of the sale of menthol tobacco products will have  
7 on communities of color.

8           SECTION 1. Amend the Acts of 2019, Chapter 133, Section 28, by striking "2020" and  
9 replacing it with:-"2022, or a date certain 12 months after the effective date of this act,  
10 whichever is later."

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SECTION 2. This act will take effect upon passage.