## **SENATE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2136**

Senate, July 31, 2017 -- Offered by Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg and Bruce E. Tarr relative to establishing a tax force on local retail sector

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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

1 Ordered, That, there shall be a special senate taskforce to review and report on efforts to 2 strengthen the local retail sector in the commonwealth. The review shall include, but not be 3 limited to: (i) challenges faced by local retailers in a changing economic environment 4 increasingly dominated by large online sellers; (ii) closures of local retail establishments, 5 affecting local economies and property tax bases; (iii) initiatives taken by local retailers to 6 increase or maintain their market share; and (iv) actions by state and local governments to 7 encourage purchasing from local retailers, consistent with other important policy objectives 8 including adequate revenues. The task force shall consist of 13 members, 7 of whom shall be 9 members of the senate, 5 appointed by the president and 2 by the minority leader, 5 members 10 who represent large and small retailers from geographically diverse regions of the 11 commonwealth, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the president and 2 by the minority leader, 1 12 member whom shall represent the retailers association of Massachusetts. The task force may

- consult with experts in business and economics to facilitate the committee's work and shall hold
- 14 at least 1 public hearing. The task force shall file a report of its findings with the clerk of the
- senate not later than June 1, 2018.