

**SENATE . . . . . No. 369**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Brian A. Joyce*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act prohibiting polystyrene packaging by 2017.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brian A. Joyce*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Joyce, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 369) of Brian A. Joyce for legislation to prohibit polystyrene packaging by 2017. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act prohibiting polystyrene packaging by 2017.

*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. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection shall  
2 promulgate regulations to prohibit the use of plastic carryout bags by the year 2017. For  
3 purposes of this act, “plastic carryout bag” means a plastic carryout bag provided by a store to a  
4 customer at the point of sale for the purpose of carrying purchased items from the store. “Plastic  
5 carryout bag” shall not include plastic bags in which loose produce is placed by the customer to  
6 deliver such items to the point of sale area of a store. This act shall not prohibit compostable  
7 plastic carryout bags, which conform to the current ASTM-Standard Specifications for  
8 compostability and is certified and labeled as meeting the ASTM-Standard by a recognized  
9 verification entity such as the Biodegradable Product Institute.

10           The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection shall promulgate regulations  
11 to enforce this act