

SENATE No. 775

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 authorizing cities and towns to prohibit the sale or use of polystyrene packaging.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brian A. Joyce

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01166 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR USE OF POLYSTYRENE PACKAGING.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town may prohibit the sale or
2 use of polystyrene packaging products by any vendor, commercial or retail user of polystyrene unless the
3 vendors or retail users of such products demonstrate to an official designated by the chief executive
4 officer of the city or town that such vendors or users are actively engaged in a comprehensive effort to
5 recycle the polystyrene packaging materials which it generates. Such recycling effort shall include
6 ongoing collection and delivery of such packaging materials to an established recycling facility.