

**SENATE . . . . . No. 870**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Michael R. Knapik*

*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 relative to franchises in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael R. Knapik*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 870) of Michael R. Knapik for legislation relative to franchises in Massachusetts. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to franchises in Massachusetts.

*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. Section 148 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof, the following new  
3 subsection:-

4           (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an individual who is a party to a  
5 franchise agreement under which a person or entity licenses or authorizes the individual to sell  
6 products or services in accordance with prescribed methods and procedures and under service  
7 marks, trademarks, trade names and other intellectual property licensed under such agreement  
8 shall not be considered an employee of the person or entity that grants the license or  
9 authorization. For purpose of this section, franchise shall have the meaning given to it by the  
10 Federal Trade Commission.