

SENATE No. 976

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 reducing tobacco sales to minors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/11/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/19/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 976) of Jason M. Lewis, William N. Brownsberger, James B. Eldridge, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to reduce tobacco sales to minors. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act reducing tobacco sales to minors.

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 6 of Chapter 270 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsections (d) and (e) and inserting in place
3 thereof the following subsections:-

4 (d) Each person selling or distributing tobacco products shall verify the age of the
5 purchaser by means of government-issued photographic identification containing the bearer’s
6 date of birth that the purchaser is 21 years old or older. Verification is required for any person,
7 regardless of age.

8 (e) A person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000 for the first
9 offense, \$2,000 for a second offense and \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

10 (f) The department of public health may promulgate regulations to implement this
11 section.