

**SENATE . . . . . No. 999**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc R. Pacheco***

*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 to further define standards of employee safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>

<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 999) of Marc R. Pacheco, Theodore C. Speliotis, Jason M. Lewis, Marjorie C. Decker and other members of the General Court for legislation to further define standards of employee safety. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to further define standards of employee safety.

*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 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 the following new sentence at the end of the first paragraph:-

3           All such rules, regulations and orders for the prevention of accidents and the prevention  
4 of industrial or occupational diseases shall provide at least the level of protection to employees  
5 as are provided under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. chapter  
6 15, including standards and provisions of the general duty clause. In the absence of a state rule,  
7 regulation or order, the department shall apply the relevant provision(s) of that act.