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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1031

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Torrisi

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:

An Act relative to package store employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David M. Torrisi	*14th Essex*

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By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1031) of David M. Torrisi for legislation to require that all employees of liquor stores be at least 21 years of age or older. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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An Act relative to package store employees.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15F, the following new section:-

Section 15G. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all employees of a store licensed to sell alcohol to be consumed off the premises as licensed by Section 15 of Chapter 138 shall be at least twenty-one years of age. The commission shall enforce the requirements of this section, by administrative proceedings, against a person licensed under this section whose employee is under twenty one years of age and directly handles or sells alcoholic beverages in violation of this section, as follows: -

(1) a first violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than $1000.

(2) A second violation of this section shall be punished by a suspension of the licensee's license for a length to be determined by the commission and a fine of $5,000.

All persons employed by a licensee under section 15 of chapter 138 at the time of the enactment of this section shall be exempt.