

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice K. Wolf

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 to improve recycling rates in the commonwealth by providing recycling containers adjacent to beverage vending machines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3297 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO IMPROVE RECYCLING RATES IN THE COMMONWEALTH BY PROVIDING RECYCLING CONTAINERS ADJACENT TO BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINES.

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

1 Chapter 94. Section 309. License; necessity; application; issuance; display; fees be amended as
2 follows:—

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4 When such vending machines contain beverages sold in any beverage container as defined in Chapter 94
5 Section 321, the applicant for said license as described in Section 309 shall cause the placement of a
6 receptacle of suitable size and material as determined by the commissioner of administration under the
7 provision of section three B of chapter seven. This receptacle shall be clearly indicated as for “recycling
8 of beverage containers”.

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10 The licensee shall cause the recyclable contents of this receptacle to be transferred to appropriate
11 recycling facilities and done so with adequate frequency that contents of said receptacle do not protrude
12 above the highest point on said receptacle.

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14 Said receptacle shall be located within no more than ten feet of the vending machine(s). In the case that
15 there are multiple vending machines, said receptacle may be located ten feet from the closest vending
16 machine in the group.

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18 Failure to place said receptacle as described herein shall cause the revocation of the permit to operate said
19 vending machine. In the event that the receptacle's composition, placement, or size are determined by
20 other regulations and or statutes, making placement impossible, the license to operate the vending
21 machine must be revoked.