

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Brian A. Joyce**

*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 authorizing cities and towns to prohibit the sale or use of polystyrene packaging.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brian A. Joyce

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01166 OF 2007-2008.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR USE OF  
POLYSTYRENE PACKAGING.**

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

- 1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town may prohibit the sale or use of
- 2 polystyrene packaging products by any vendor, commercial or retail user of polystyrene unless the
- 3 vendors or retail users of such products demonstrate to an official designated by the chief executive
- 4 officer of the city or town that such vendors or users are actively engaged in a comprehensive effort to
- 5 recycle the polystyrene packaging materials which it generates. Such recycling effort shall include
- 6 ongoing collection and delivery of such packaging materials to an established recycling facility.