

HOUSE No. 1561

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 reduce childhood obesity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1561) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to create a program to reduce childhood obesity by assessing a tax on soft drinks. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to reduce childhood obesity.

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 64H of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2014 official Edition, is hereby amended in paragraph (h) by deleting the following: “soft
3 drinks” and further amended inserting after the second sentence the following new sentence;
4 "Food products" does not include soft drinks.”

5 SECTION 2. Section 2G(a) of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
6 hereby amended by deleting the following:

7 “The fund shall consist of revenues collected by the commonwealth including: (1) any
8 revenue from appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically
9 designated to be credited to the fund; (2) any fines and penalties allocated to the fund under the
10 General Laws; (3) any funds from public and private sources such as gifts, grants and donations
11 to further community-based prevention activities; (4) any interest earned on such revenues; and
12 (5) any funds provided from other sources.”

13 and further amended by inserting in its place the following:

14 “The fund shall consist of revenues collected by the commonwealth including: (1) any
15 revenue from appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically
16 designated to be credited to the fund; (2) all monies received by the commonwealth as excises
17 upon the sale of soft drinks as defined by the provisions of chapter 64H; (3) any fines and
18 penalties allocated to the fund under the General Laws; (4) any funds from public and private
19 sources such as gifts, grants and donations to further community-based prevention activities; (5)
20 any interest earned on such revenues; and (6) any funds provided from other sources.