

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1725**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 relative to independent contractors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>

*David T. Vieira*

3rd Barnstable

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1725) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to independent contractors. 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 relative to independent contractors.

*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 148B of chapter 149 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as  
2 amended by section 26 of chapter 193 of the acts of 2004, is hereby amended by striking out  
3 paragraph (a) and inserting in place the following new paragraph: -

4 (a) For the purpose of this chapter and chapter 151, an individual performing any service,  
5 except as authorized under this chapter, shall be considered to be an employee under those  
6 chapters unless:- (1) the individual is free from control and direction in connection with the  
7 performance of the service, both under his contract for the performance of service and in fact;  
8 and (2) the service is performed outside the usual course of the business of the employer; or, (3)  
9 the individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation,  
10 profession or business of the same nature as that involved in the service performed.