

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1953**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Soter***

*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 a youth training wage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>

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By Representative Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1953) of Michael J. Soter and others relative to a youth training wage. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to a youth training wage.

*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 of chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following:-

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4 This section shall not apply to workers under the age of 18 who work 20 hours or less per  
5 week and require a work permit, for the first 120 hours of employment with a new employer.  
6 Said 120-hour period shall be referred to as a training period. Said workers under the age of 18  
7 who are in the training period shall be subject to a minimum wage no less than \$10 per hour.