

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2183**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Carmine Lawrence Gentile***

*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 improve food allergy awareness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>

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By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2183) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others for legislation to improve food allergy awareness. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to improve food allergy awareness.

*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 6B of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following:-

4 “(c) A person in charge and certified food protection manager, as those terms are used in  
5 the state sanitary code for food establishments, in order to obtain certification, shall view, as part  
6 of an otherwise approved food protection manager course, a video concerning food allergies. The  
7 department shall approve the video in consultation with the Massachusetts Restaurant  
8 Association, Food Allergy Research & Education, and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of  
9 America, New England Chapter, and the video shall: (1) be approved or accredited by one of the  
10 following entities: (i) the American National Standards Institute; (ii) ASTM International; or (iii)  
11 the ANSI National Accreditation Board; (2) be interactive; (3) include a knowledge check or  
12 other means of verifying that the viewer has carefully reviewed and understood the video; and

13 (4) feature the most up-to-date information on food allergies, including information related to  
14 additions to the list of allergens labeled under the Food Allergy Label Consumer Protection Act.  
15 The department shall review its approval of the video at least every 5 years and approve a new  
16 video if necessary to satisfy the requirements of this subsection. A person designated as an  
17 alternate person-in charge, as that term is used in the state sanitary code for food establishments,  
18 in addition to existing requirements, shall be knowledgeable with regard to the relevant issues  
19 concerning food allergies as they relate to food preparation, plating, and service. At all times  
20 when open and serving food, a person licensed as an innholder or common victualler shall have  
21 at least one employee present who has viewed the approved video concerning food allergies as  
22 part of an otherwise approved food protection manager course.”

23 SECTION 2. Said section 6B of said chapter 170 is hereby further amended by striking  
24 out, each time they appear, the words “Massachusetts Restaurant Association and the Food  
25 Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following:-

26 “Massachusetts Restaurant Association, Food Allergy Research & Education, and the  
27 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, New England Chapter”