

HOUSE No. 3505

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Aaron Vega

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 regarding the granting of licenses for the cultivation and sale of marijuana.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3505) of Aaron Vega and Carlos Gonzalez relative to licenses for the cultivation and sale of marijuana. Marijuana Policy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regarding the granting of licenses for the cultivation and sale of marijuana.

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 3 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as inserted by section 5 of
2 chapter 334 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (e) A city or town may enter into a local employment agreement with a marijuana
4 cultivator requiring that a certain per cent of the marijuana cultivator’s total workforce are
5 residents of said city or town. If a city or town does execute such a written, local employment
6 agreement with a marijuana cultivator, the city or town clerk shall send a certified copy of such
7 agreement to the commission.

8 SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 94G, as most recently amended by chapter 351 of
9 the acts of 2016, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

10 (d) The commission shall give preferential consideration to marijuana cultivator license
11 applications for marijuana cultivators owned by minorities, or by residents of the city or town in
12 which the marijuana cultivator is to be located that submit proof of such residency with their

13 application; provided, that any such application is in compliance with regulations of the
14 commission and meets the requirements for licensure pursuant to this chapter and said
15 regulations, and that the applicant has paid the required application fee.

16 SECTION 3. Subsection (e) of section 10 of chapter 334 of the acts of 2016, as amended
17 by section 17 of chapter 351 of the acts of 2016, is hereby further amended by striking out the
18 words “April 1, 2020” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- June 1, 2018.