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HOUSE No. 00994

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Vincent A. Pedone

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to improve the law for the pricing of grocery and retail items.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Vincent A. Pedone	15th Worcester

HOUSE No. 00994

By Mr. Vincent A. Pedone of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00994) of Vincent A. Pedone relative to the pricing of grocery and retail items. Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE

□ HOUSE , NO. *3545* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to improve the law for the pricing of grocery and retail items.

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 184B of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the eighth paragraph and inserting in place
- 3 thereof the following paragraph:
- 4 "Food department", any seller other than a food store with any grocery item section, area,
- 5 or display and which sells two hundred or more different food items for consumption off the
- 6 seller's premises at least in part to individuals for their own personal, family, or household use;
- 7 provided, however, that any food section which is within a larger business and is the functional
- 8 equivalent of a supermarket with its own separate checkout, may be deemed a food store by the
- 9 director of standards.