

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2223**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Dean A. Tran*

*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 commission a study on small manufacturing businesses in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Dean A. Tran*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2223) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dean A. Tran for legislation to commission a study on small manufacturing businesses in Massachusetts. Community Development and Small Businesses.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to commission a study on small manufacturing businesses in Massachusetts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall hereby be  
2 established a special commission to study the effects of the gradual minimum wage increase, as  
3 established by Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2018, on the small manufacturing businesses of the  
4 commonwealth. Said commission shall study and report on topics including but not limited to: (i)  
5 the overall health of the small manufacturing businesses of the commonwealth, (ii) the impacts  
6 of said gradual minimum wage increase on total payroll costs and the overall health of the small  
7 manufacturing businesses of the commonwealth, and (iii) recommended ways to sustain and  
8 improve the overall health of the small manufacturing businesses of the commonwealth during  
9 and after the transition to a state minimum wage of fifteen dollars an hour as established by said  
10 Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2018.

11           The commission shall consist of the secretary of the executive office of housing &  
12 economic development or their designee, the secretary of the executive office of labor &

13 workforce development or their designee, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on  
14 community development & small businesses, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee  
15 on economic development & emerging technologies, house and senate chairs of the joint  
16 committee on labor & workforce development, 2 owners of small manufacturing businesses in  
17 the commonwealth, 1 member of the house in each said committee who shall be appointed by the  
18 minority leader, and 1 member of the senate in each said committee who shall be appointed by  
19 the minority leader.

20           The commission shall submit its findings to the clerks of the senate and house of  
21 representatives, the secretary of the executive office of housing & economic development, the  
22 secretary of the executive office of labor & workforce development, the joint committee on  
23 community development & small businesses, the joint committee on economic development &  
24 emerging technologies, and the joint committee on labor & workforce development, not later  
25 than one year after the effective date of this act.