

SENATE No. 2614

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
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SENATE, January 10, 2022.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1389) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Edward F. Coppinger, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve food allergy awareness; and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4214) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to food allergy awareness, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2614).

For the committee,
Joanne M. Comerford

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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 6B of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out 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. All
7 other food employees, as that term is used in the state sanitary code for food establishments, shall
8 view the video within 30 days of beginning their employment at a food establishment. The
9 department shall approve the video in collaboration with the Massachusetts Restaurant
10 Association and the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network. A person designated as an alternate
11 person-in charge, as that term is used in the state sanitary code for food establishments, in
12 addition to existing requirements, shall be knowledgeable with regard to the relevant issues
13 concerning food allergies as they relate to food preparation.