

SENATE No. 443

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan C. Tucker

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 relative to antique barometers

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Susan C. Tucker | Second Essex and Middlesex |
| Stephen M. Brewer | Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02293 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ANTIQUE BAROMETERS.

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 2 of chapter 21H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “devices”, in line 108, the
3 following words:- , antique barometers and mercury thermometers that were manufactured
4 before 1955.

5 SECTION 2. Section 6D of said chapter 21H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 inserting after the word “barometers”, in line 5, the following words:- , except for antique
7 barometers, including those with attached mercury thermometers, that were manufactured before
8 1955.

9 SECTION 3. Section 6K of said chapter 21H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
10 adding the following subsection:-
11 (f) A person who sells an antique that contains mercury shall clearly inform the purchaser in
12 writing, at the time of sale, that the antique contains mercury, that mercury is a hazardous

13 substance that is regulated by federal and state law and of the proper methods for disposal and
14 recycling of the antique.

15 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on May 1, 2009.