

SENATE No. 75

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 relative to establishing a minimum age of entry for cannabis-related events, conferences, forums and exhibitions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fifth Middlesex

SENATE No. 75

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 75) of Jason M. Lewis relative to establishing a minimum age requirement for entry into cannabis-related events, conferences, forums and exhibitions. Cannabis Policy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3704 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to establishing a minimum age of entry for cannabis-related events, conferences, forums and exhibitions.

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

1 Chapter 94G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 22. Any marijuana-related event, forum, convention or conference to promote or
3 encourage marijuana use or to educate users or prospective users on marijuana use, marijuana
4 products or marijuana accessories held at any location in the commonwealth shall have a
5 minimum age requirement of 21 years of age, and the organizer of such event, forum, convention
6 or conference shall ensure that any person attending the event is at least 21 years of age;
7 provided, however, that this section shall not apply to marijuana use prevention programs for
8 youth, youth educational programs or substance misuse programs related to marijuana use.

9 An event organizer that fails to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of
10 not more than \$2,000; provided that an event organizer who reasonably relies on: (i) a liquor
11 purchase identification card issued pursuant to section 34B of chapter 138, (ii) a motor vehicle
12 license issued pursuant to section 8 of chapter 90, (iii) an identification card issued under section
13 8E of said chapter 90, (iv) a valid passport issued by the United States government, or by the
14 government, recognized by the United States government, of a foreign country, or (v) a valid
15 United States issued military identification card, for proof of a person's identity and age shall be
16 presumed to have acted with due care and shall not be found to have failed to comply with this
17 section; but such presumption shall be rebuttable.