

SENATE No. 00945

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 the definition of fraud I.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael O. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Worcester

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By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 945) of Moore for legislation to define fraud I [Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the definition of fraud I.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of GLC 149 is hereby amended by inserting after the term “Factory” a new paragraph:-

“Fraud,” A statement, act or omission relating to a material fact that has the natural tendency to be relied upon by or to influence the average person, and that is knowingly false or misleading, or is in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity, and that is intended to mislead, regardless of whether the statement, act or omission is actually relied upon.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of GLC 149 is hereby further amended by inserting after the term “Mercantile Establishments” the following new paragraph

“Misrepresentation” an intentionally or sometimes negligently false representation made verbally, by conduct, or sometimes by non disclosure or concealment and often for the purpose

- 11 of deceiving, defrauding or causing another to rely on it detrimentally, also an act or instance of
- 12 making such a representation.