

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2380**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 local control of marijuana establishments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2380) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to local control of marijuana establishments. Marijuana Policy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to local control of marijuana establishments.

*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 3 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws, as inserted by Chapter 334  
2 of the Acts of 2016, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following:-

4 Cities and towns may refuse to permit the creation and operation of marijuana  
5 establishments within the town or city only if the majority of the voter population in the  
6 respective city or town voted against the legalization of recreational marijuana and such city or  
7 town does not contain a registered medical marijuana dispensary.

8 SECTION 2. Section 3 of said Chapter 94G, as inserted by Chapter 334 of the Acts of  
9 2016, is hereby further amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following subsection:-

10 (e) Local cities and towns may impose zoning ordinances for the location of retail  
11 marijuana establishments. If a city or town does not impose a specific zoning ordinance, the  
12 regulations shall default to zoning ordinances required by the Department of Public Health for

13 Registered Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. The default zoning ordinance shall require that a  
14 retail marijuana establishment be at least 500 feet from an area where children commonly  
15 congregate.