

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3182**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Hannah Kane***

*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 marijuana product packaging and labeling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>

<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>

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By Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3182) of Hannah Kane and others relative to packaging requirements for marijuana and marijuana products. Marijuana Policy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to marijuana product packaging and labeling.

*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 4 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsections (9) and (10).

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 94G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
4 section 14 the following sections:-

5 Section 15. (a) The commission shall establish packaging requirements for marijuana and  
6 marijuana products. Packaging for marijuana and marijuana products shall be:

7 (1) opaque;

8 (2) colored grey;

9 (3) child-resistant; and

10 (4) devoid of cartoon characters or bright colors, and shall not be designed in a way that  
11 is especially appealing to minors.

12 (b) The commission shall establish labeling requirements for marijuana and marijuana  
13 products which shall include:

14 (1) a symbol or other easily recognizable mark indicating that the package contains  
15 marijuana;

16 (2) an identification of the marijuana cultivator who produced the marijuana;

17 (3) an identification of the marijuana product manufacturer who produced the marijuana  
18 product and an identification of the marijuana cultivator who produced the marijuana used to  
19 make the marijuana product;

20 (4) the amount of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol in a package of marijuana or marijuana  
21 product expressed as a percentage of volume;

22 (5) a “best by” date;

23 (6) the number of servings in a package and a list of ingredients and possible allergens;

24 (7) a legal warning that it is a violation of federal law to carry marijuana or marijuana  
25 product outside of the commonwealth;

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27 (8) a standard health warning developed by the department of public health; and

28 (9) marijuana products shall be marked with a symbol or other easily recognizable mark  
29 indicating that the product contains marijuana so that it is identifiable when removed from  
30 packaging.

31 Section 16. (a) A marijuana cultivator or marijuana product manufacturer shall obtain  
32 approval from the commission for all marijuana product labeling and packaging prior to offering  
33 these items for sale to a marijuana retailer. The marijuana cultivator or marijuana product  
34 manufacturer shall submit a photo of the product, labeling, and packaging to the commission for  
35 approval.

36 (b) A decision shall be sent to the marijuana cultivator or marijuana product manufacturer  
37 within 5 working days from the receipt of the required information.

38 (c) If additional information or detail is necessary to make a decision, the commission  
39 shall request that information within 5 working days of the submission requesting additional  
40 information. In said case, the commission will receive an additional 5 working days to make a  
41 decision from the receipt of the additional information requested from the marijuana cultivator or  
42 marijuana product manufacturer.

43 (d) If the commission denies the product, label, or packaging, a notice of denial shall be  
44 sent to the marijuana cultivator or marijuana product manufacturer with an explanation of the  
45 denial and the marijuana establishment's right to appeal.

46 (e) The commission may stop the sale of any marijuana product that poses an immediate  
47 threat to the public in the interest of the public health of the commonwealth.