

HOUSE No. 196

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balsler

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 kosher food signage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2019</i>
<i>Rachmiel Liberman</i>		<i>1/15/2019</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 196) of Ruth B. Balsler and others relative to kosher food signage. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4461 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to kosher food signage.

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 156 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (f) the following subsection:-

3 (f ½) If the certification of a person, firm, association or corporation selling food or food
4 products advertised or represented to be kosher, kosher for Passover, pareve or as having been
5 prepared in accordance with Orthodox Jewish religious standards which it has manufactured,
6 distilled, produced, processed or packed is suspended or terminated by the certifying authority,
7 the person, firm, association or corporation shall display a sign, approved by the attorney
8 general, on the door or window or anywhere in front of the place of business stating “Kosher
9 Certification Revoked” in a size which will call such fact to the reader's attention.