

HOUSE No. 4720

By Mr. Rea of Billerica, petition of Michael J. Rea, Jr., for legislation to prohibit expiration dates on gift certificates which contain a definite monetary value. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT PROHIBITING EXPIRATION DATES ON GIFT CERTIFICATES WHICH CONTAIN A DEFINITE MONETARY VALUE.

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 75C of chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the word "dollars" in line 7, as
3 appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, the following sentence: —
4 Whenever such a gift certificate has a definite monetary value and
5 no reference is made therein about a specific item, no such
6 certificate shall contain an expiration date and if such an
7 expiration date is printed or marked thereon it shall be void as
8 against public policy.

