

HOUSE No. 4672

By Mr. Magnani of Framingham, petition of David P. Magnani relative to establishing a disposal fee on the packaging of products sold in the Commonwealth. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A FEE ON PACKAGING.

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

1 Inasmuch as the price of all products should reflect their true
2 societal cost, including environmental and disposal costs, the
3 department of revenue and the department of environmental
4 management is hereby authorized and directed to engage in a joint
5 undertaking to promulgate rules and regulations whereby a ten
6 dollar per pound disposal fee is to be levied on the packaging of
7 products sold in Massachusetts. Exempted from the fee are
8 containers covered by the "bottle bill" so-called, containers to
9 package medicine, and food. Credit offsets to said fee may be
10 granted for the use of recovered materials in the container and
11 also the recyclabilities of the container.

