

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, petition of Patricia A. Walrath and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect the public health by banning the public distribution of free smoking or tobacco products for commercial purposes. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH BY BANNING THE PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF FREE SMOKING OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

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

- 1 Chapter 270 of the General laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting, after Section 16A, the following section: —
- 3 Section 16B. No person shall, except at full market price, in or
- 4 upon any part of the streets, parks, public grounds, public build-
- 5 ings, or other public places within the Commonwealth distribute
- 6 or allow to be distributed any smoking or tobacco products for
- 7 any commercial purposes.
- 8 Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a
- 9 fine of not less than twenty-five (25) nor more than fifty (50) dol-
- 10 lars for each violation.

