

HOUSE No. 4139

By Mr. Kollios of Millbury, petition of Paul Kollios, Carmen D. Buell, Barbara Hildt, Kevin G. Honan and Saundra Graham relative to establishing a minimum livable wage. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LIVABLE MINIMUM WAGE.

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 of Chapter 151 is hereby amended by striking out the
2 second sentence and substituting in place thereof the following:
3 "In any occupation as defined in this chapter, a wage shall
4 conclusively be presumed to be oppressive and unreasonable,
5 wherever the term "minimum wage" is used in this chapter, if
6 it is less than an hourly rate annually determined by the
7 department. The department shall determine said rate by dividing
8 the annual poverty level income, as defined by the United States
9 Department of Health and Human Services, by the figure one
10 thousand nine hundred and fifty."

