

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 164**

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the resale of mattresses. Community Development and Small Business.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Robert S. Hargraves
Mary S. Rogeness	Elizabeth A. Poirier
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Karyn E. Polito
John A. Lepper	Susan Williams Gifford
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Paul K. Frost	Donald F. Humason, Jr.

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RESALE OF MATTRESSES.

*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. Section 270 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting, in line 101, after the words “any furniture” the words:—  
4 “, excluding mattresses, but”

1 SECTION 2. Section 270 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as  
2 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following  
3 definition:—  
4 “‘Reconditioned’, when used with respect to a mattress, shall  
5 mean any fabric case filled with cotton, hair, feathers, foam rubber,  
6 water, an arrangement of coiled springs or otherwise, used either  
7 alone as a bed or on a bedstead that had been previously sold as new  
8 and subsequently restored to good condition for the purpose of  
9 resale.”

1 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 272 of chapter 94 of the  
2 General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, in  
3 line 34, after the word “new” the following word:—  
4 “, reconditioned,”

1 SECTION 4. Section 272 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as  
2 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding, at the end of the section,  
3 the following two new paragraphs:—

4 No person shall sell a remade or renovated mattress to any person  
5 who is not the original owner of the mattress.

6 No person shall sell a renovated mattress to any person who is not  
7 the original owner of the mattress without first informing the pur-  
8 chaser that the mattress has been reconditioned.