

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3137**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:  
**Alice K. Wolf**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:  
An Act to improve recycling rates in the commonwealth by providing recycling containers adjacent to beverage vending machines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Peter v. Kocot	1st Hampshire
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Lori Ehrlich	8th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3297 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### AN ACT TO IMPROVE RECYCLING RATES IN THE COMMONWEALTH BY PROVIDING RECYCLING CONTAINERS ADJACENT TO BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINES.

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

Chapter 94. Section 309. License; necessity; application; issuance; display; fees be amended as follows:—When such vending machines contain beverages sold in any beverage container as defined in Chapter 94 Section 321, the applicant for said license as described in Section 309 shall cause the placement of a receptacle of suitable size and material as determined by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section three B of chapter seven. This receptacle shall be clearly indicated as for “recycling of beverage containers”.

The licensee shall cause the recyclable contents of this receptacle to be transferred to appropriate recycling facilities and done so with adequate frequency that contents of said receptacle do not protrude above the highest point on said receptacle.

Said receptacle shall be located within no more than ten feet of the vending machine(s). In the case that there are multiple vending machines, said receptacle may be located ten feet from the closest vending machine in the group.

Failure to place said receptacle as described herein shall cause the revocation of the permit to operate said vending machine. In the event that the receptacle’s composition, placement, or size are determined by other regulations and or statutes, making placement impossible, the license to operate the vending machine must be revoked.