ATTACHMENT I

July 28, 2022

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am returning to you for amendment Section 37 of House Bill No. 5050, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 37 would require hawkers and peddler licenses to be renewed every five years rather than annually. I support the section’s intended goal of providing regulatory relief for properly licensed individuals but also believe that the current annual licensing requirement serves an important public safety purpose by ensuring that licensees continue to meet the good character requirements of licensure, including receiving approval from the local police chief. As a result, I am proposing an amendment that would allow for a license term of five years but continue to require annual submission of the certificate signed by the local police chief.

For these reasons, I recommend that the bill be amended by striking out section 37 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 37. Section 26 of chapter 101 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “one year” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 5 years; provided, that the certificate required to be signed by the chief of police of the city or town in which the applicant resides pursuant to section 22, shall continue to be furnished by the applicant to the deputy director on an annual basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker

Governor