

**SENATE . . . . . No. 158**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***John F. Keenan, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to regulate the sale and use of microwave ovens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Don Kusser*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*173 Edgewater Dr., Quincy, MA 02169*

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By Mr. Keenan (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 158) of Don Kusser for legislation to regulate the sale and use of microwave ovens. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 113 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to regulate the sale and use of microwave ovens.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of  
2 consumer affairs and business regulations shall establish minimum safety requirements for all  
3 microwave ovens sold and operated in the commonwealth including but not limited to the  
4 following:

5 (i) a microwave oven must not be large enough to be able to fit an infant child or small  
6 animal into;

7 (ii) a microwave oven must not operate at more than 500 watts;

8 (iii) all microwave ovens sold in the commonwealth must be equipped with a motion  
9 sensor in the oven designed to detect a living person or animal and immediately turn off the  
10 cooking mechanism;

11 (iv) all microwave ovens sold in the commonwealth must pass a drop test to ensure no  
12 leakage of radiation;

13 (v) all microwave ovens in the commonwealth must be registered and equipped with a  
14 locking device;

15 (vi) any microwave oven purchased on the internet to be operated in the commonwealth  
16 must conform to Massachusetts regulations;

17 (vii) no microwave oven may be sold at a yard sale or flea market;

18 (viii) only one microwave oven permitted per residence;

19 (ix) any residence equipped with an oven is prohibited from possessing a microwave  
20 oven;

21 (x) anyone under the age of 18 is prohibited from operating a microwave oven;

22 (xi) all microwave ovens sold in the commonwealth must only be done so by a licensed  
23 dealer; and

24 (xii) a buyer of a microwave oven must sign a document at time of sale affirming they  
25 know and understand the requirements herein.