

SENATE No. 1587

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 reducing the sales tax to 5%.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Leonard Mirra</i> | <i>2nd Essex</i> |
| <i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i> | <i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Robert L. Hedlund</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Mathew Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> |

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1587) of Bruce E. Tarr, Leonard Mirra, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court for legislation to reduce the sales tax to 5%. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1433 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act reducing the sales tax to 5%.

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 2 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place
3 thereof the words “5.8 per cent”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 64H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5.4 per cent”.

6 SECTION 3. Section 2 of said chapter 64H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5 per cent”.

8 SECTION 4. Section 2 of Chapter 64I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
9 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place
10 thereof the words “5.8 per cent”.

11 SECTION 5. Section 2 of said chapter 64I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
12 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5.4 per cent”.

13 SECTION 6. Section 2 of said chapter 64I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
14 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5 per cent”.

15 SECTION 7. Sections 1 and 4 shall take effect on August 1, 2015.

16 SECTION 8. Sections 2 and 5 shall take effect on August 1, 2016.

17 SECTION 9. Sections 3 and 6 shall take effect on August 1, 2017.