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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1548

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to a 2017 sales tax holiday.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/19/2017*
Bradford R. Hill	*4th Essex*	*2/3/2017*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*	*1/17/2018*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*1/17/2018*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*1/17/2018*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*	*2/3/2017*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*	*1/17/2018*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*	*1/17/2018*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*	*1/17/2018*
Mathew Muratore	*1st Plymouth*	*1/17/2018*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*1/17/2018*
Timothy R. Whelan	*1st Barnstable*	*1/17/2018*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/17/2018*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*	*1/17/2018*
David K. Muradian, Jr.	*9th Worcester*	*1/17/2018*
Joseph D. McKenna	*18th Worcester*	*1/17/2018*
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	*5th Worcester*	*1/17/2018*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*	*1/17/2018*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1548) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to providing sales tax holidays, so-called, on the dates of August 12 and 13, 2017. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2550* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act relative to a 2017 sales tax holiday.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the days of August 12, 2017 and August 13, 2017, an excise shall not be imposed upon nonbusiness sales at retail of tangible personal property, as defined in section 1 of chapter 64H of the General Laws. For the purposes of this act, tangible personal property shall not include telecommunications, tobacco products subject to the excise imposed by chapter 64C of the General Laws, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats, meals or a single item the price of which is in excess of $2,500.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the days of August 12, 2017 and August 13, 2017, a vendor shall not add to the sales price or collect from a nonbusiness purchaser an excise upon sales at retail of tangible personal property, as defined in

section 1 of chapter 64H of the General Laws. The commissioner of revenue shall not require a vendor to collect and pay excise upon sales at retail of tangible personal property purchased on August 12, 2017 and August 13, 2017. An excise erroneously or improperly collected during the days of August 12, 2017 and August 13, 2017, shall be remitted to the department of revenue. This section shall not apply to the sale of telecommunications, tobacco products subject to the excise imposed by chapter 64C of the General Laws, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats, meals or a single item the price of which is in excess of $2,500.

SECTION 3. Reporting requirements imposed upon vendors of tangible personal property, by law or by regulation, including, but not limited to, the requirements for filing returns required by chapter 62C of the General Laws, shall remain in effect for sales for the days of August 12, 2017 and August 13, 2017.

SECTION 4. On or before December 31, 2017, the commissioner of revenue shall certify to the comptroller the amount of sales tax forgone, as well as new revenue raised from personal and corporate income taxes and other sources, pursuant to this act. The commissioner shall file a report with the joint committee on revenue and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing by fund the amounts under general and special laws governing the distribution of revenues under chapter 64H of the General Laws which would have been deposited in each fund, without this act.

SECTION 5. The commissioner of revenue shall issue instructions or forms or promulgate rules or regulations, necessary for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 6. Eligible sales at retail of tangible personal property under sections 175 and 176 are restricted to those transactions occurring on August 12, 2017 and August 13, 2017.

Transfer of possession of or payment in full for the property shall occur on 1 of those days, and prior sales or layaway sales shall be ineligible.