

HOUSE No. 1558

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay R. Kaufman

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 promote sales tax fairness for main street retailers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/12/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/13/2017</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1558) of Jay R. Kaufman and others relative to the collection and administration of all taxes imposed on remote sellers. Revenue.

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

An Act to promote sales tax fairness for main street retailers.

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. Said chapter 62C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, after
2 section 26, the following section:-

3 Section 26A. The commissioner shall administer and enforce the assessment and
4 collection of the taxes and penalties imposed under chapters 64H and 64I, including the
5 collection and administration of all taxes imposed on remote sellers.

6 The commissioner shall take such administrative actions as are necessary to comply with
7 any law enacted by the Congress of the United States that requires states to simplify the
8 collection of sales and use taxes for remote sellers, including but not limited to applicable
9 requirements relating to: (i) providing adequate software and services to remote sellers and
10 single and consolidated providers, which identifies the applicable destination rate to be applied to
11 sales that the commonwealth taxes under chapter 64H or 64I; (ii) providing certification
12 procedures for both single providers and consolidated providers to make software and services

13 available to remote sellers; (iii) ensuring that no more than one audit be performed or required
14 for all state and local taxing jurisdictions within the commonwealth; and (iv) requiring that no
15 more than one sales and use tax return per month be filed with the department of revenue by any
16 remote seller or any single or consolidated provider on behalf of such remote seller.

17 The procurement rules in chapter 30B shall not apply to the certification process for
18 software providers.

19 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law, if a federal law is enacted that
20 authorizes states to require remote sellers to collect sales and use taxes, then the commonwealth
21 shall, as permitted by such federal legislation, require collection of sales and use tax by any
22 remote seller, or a single or consolidated provider acting on behalf of a remote seller. The
23 commissioner shall establish rules and regulations relating to the assessment, collection and
24 enforcement of this tax.