

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1650

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

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*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 percent.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1650) of Bruce E. Tarr, Timothy R. Whelan, David F. DeCoste and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to reduce the sales tax to 5 percent. Revenue.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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An Act reducing the sales tax to 5 percent.

*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 is hereby amended by  
2 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5.8 per cent”.

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

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

7           SECTION 4. Section 2 of Chapter 64I of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
8 the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5.8 per cent”.

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

11           SECTION 6. 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 per cent”.

13           SECTION 7. Sections 1 and 4 shall take effect on August 1, 2018.

14           SECTION 8. Sections 2 and 5 shall take effect on August 1, 2019.

15           SECTION 9. Sections 3 and 6 shall take effect on August 1, 2020.