

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4727**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Tami L. Gouveia***

*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 providing for emergency cash assistance in response to COVID-19.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>

<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>

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By Ms. Gouveia of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tami L. Gouveia and others that the Department of Revenue be authorized to provide emergency cash assistance to certain qualifying households. Revenue.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act providing for emergency cash assistance in response to COVID-19.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for emergency cash assistance in response to COVID-19, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 department  
2 of revenue, within 30 days of the effective date of this act, shall deliver by first class mail a  
3 check in the amount \$1,000 to a qualifying household. For purposes of this act the term  
4 “qualifying household” shall mean: (a) 1 to 2 person households earning up to 84,000 annually  
5 or; 3 person households earning up to \$105,000 annually or; 4 or more person households  
6 earning up to \$131,000 annually, (b) household members who are Massachusetts residents as of  
7 the effective date of this act; and (c) filed taxes for tax year 2018 or if taxes were not filed in  
8 2018 can demonstrate their household income and household size through guidelines  
9 promulgated by the department.

10 SECTION 2. An additional \$500 per dependent shall be allocated to each qualifying  
11 household.