

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephan Hay

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 property taxes of federal employees.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Stephan Hay</i> | <i>3rd Worcester</i> |
| <i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i> | <i>21st Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Moran</i> | <i>18th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Tram T. Nguyen</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> |
| <i>David T. Vieira</i> | <i>3rd Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James Arciero</i> | <i>2nd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> |
| <i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> |

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By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephan Hay and others relative to property taxes of federal employees required to work without pay or furloughed during the shutdown of the federal government. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to property taxes of federal employees.

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 57C of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

3 In any city or town accepting the provisions of this section and notwithstanding any
4 general or special law to the contrary, any federal employee required to work without pay or
5 furloughed during the shutdown of the United States government shall have no penalty assessed
6 for non-payment of any real property tax, motor vehicle excise tax, or water or sewer bill due
7 during the period of the federal government shutdown. Interest or penalties may be assessed after
8 the expiration of the 60 days following the date a continuing resolution is signed into law by the
9 President of the United States ending the shutdown and re-opening the government. The
10 commissioner of revenue may issue guidelines as appropriate for the implementation of this
11 section.