

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli and John Barrett, III

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 establishing the COVID-19 Quarantine Assistance Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>3/11/2020</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaima Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>

<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/16/2020</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>

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By Messrs. Pignatelli of Lenox and Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli, John Barrett, III and others for legislation to establish a fund providing financial assistance to residents who experience certain financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing the COVID-19 Quarantine Assistance Fund.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a fund providing financial assistance to residents who experience certain financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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. There shall be established on the books of the commonwealth the COVID-
2 19 Quarantine Assistance Fund, which shall be administered by the secretary of health and
3 human services. There shall be credited to said fund all amounts that are, by law, transferred or
4 authorized to be transferred thereto or directed to be deposited therein, and all amounts received
5 as gifts, grants, or contributions for the purposes of the fund. Funds shall be expended for grants
6 to residents of the commonwealth who become unable to perform wage-earning services as a
7 result of a COVID-19 infection, quarantine or isolation period. Amounts credited to the fund
8 shall not be subject to further appropriation.