

**HOUSE . . . . . No.****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Tommy Vitolo***

*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 the powers of city and town officials during a public health emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/17/2020</i>
<i>Edward F. Copping</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaime Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/21/2020</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>

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By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to impose limitations on the operation of businesses from the date of the emergency declaration issued by the Governor on March 10, 2020 until such time as the emergency declaration is rescinded. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to the powers of city and town officials during a public health emergency.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith provide power to cities and towns to limit business activities during a state of emergency, 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           Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 37A, as  
2           appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, the following section:-

3           SECTION 37B. The mayor of any city other than a city having a Plan D or Plan E form  
4           of charter, the city manager of a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter, and the selectmen of a  
5           town may, from the date of the emergency declaration issued by the Governor, dated March 10,  
6           2020 and designated as executive order number 591, until such time as the emergency  
7           declaration is rescinded by the governor, impose limitations on the operation of businesses  
8           within the city or town, including but not limited to limitations on business hours, operating  
9           procedures of types of businesses, and closing of types of businesses;