

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos González

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 providing relief for micro businesses for the duration of executive order 591 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>

<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2020</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>4/23/2020</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>4/23/2020</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2020</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>4/23/2020</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>4/26/2020</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>4/27/2020</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>4/27/2020</i>

HOUSE No.

By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others relative to a micro-business stimulus package due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Community Development and Small Businesses.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to providing relief for micro businesses for the duration of executive order 591 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for relief to micro businesses within the commonwealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, 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. For the purposes of this act, the following words shall, unless the context
2 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

3 “Fund”, the COVID-19 Micro Business Economic Stimulus Fund established in section
4 2.

5 “General operation losses”, loss of business income, goods or services related to the
6 COVID-19 pandemic.

7 “Micro business”, a business entity, including its affiliates, that: (i) is independently
8 owned and operated; (ii) has a principal place of business in the commonwealth; (iii) has fewer

9 than 5 employees; and (iv) reported gross receipts or sales on its 2018 tax return [PJ(1)] of not
10 more than \$200,000[MC(2)] .

11 SECTION 2. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth
12 a separate fund to be known as the COVID-19 Micro Business Economic Stimulus Fund to be
13 administered by the executive office of housing and economic development.

14 (b) The purpose of the fund shall be for financial assistance in the form of grants to micro
15 businesses with credible revenue losses due to the 2019 novel coronavirus, or COVID-19,
16 outbreak and executive order 591 or any subsequent order pursuant to such emergency. Each
17 grant provided to a micro business under this act shall be of an amount that is not less than
18 \$15,000; provided, however, that, not less than \$11,250 of each grant shall be used for payment
19 to employees of the micro business and not less than \$3,750 of each grant shall be used to
20 mitigate or offset general operation losses of the micro business.

21 (c) There shall be credited to the fund all amounts that are, by law, transferred or
22 authorized to be transferred thereto or directed to be deposited therein, and all amounts received
23 as gifts, grants, or contributions for the purposes of the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall
24 not be subject to further appropriation and any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal
25 year shall not revert to the General Fund.

26 (d) The executive office of housing and economic development shall promulgate
27 regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to,
28 regulations pertaining to grant application and disbursement procedures.

29 SECTION 3. On the effective date of this act, the comptroller shall transfer \$50,000,000
30 from the General Fund to the COVID-19 Micro Business Relief Fund for the purposes of
31 carrying out this act.