

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1703**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*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 to authorize cities and towns to increase the local tax rate on meals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/7/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1703) of Jason M. Lewis, Peter J. Durant, Colleen M. Garry and Michael O. Moore for legislation to authorize cities and towns to increase the local tax rate on meals. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1559 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to authorize cities and towns to increase the local tax rate on meals.

*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 2 of chapter 64L of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following paragraph:-

4           (a) A city or town which accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of  
5 chapter 4 may impose a local sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the  
6 city or town by a vendor at a rate of .75 per cent or 1.5 per cent of the gross receipts of the  
7 vendor from the sale of restaurant meals. No excise shall be imposed if the sale is exempt under  
8 section 6 of chapter 64H. The vendor shall pay the local sales tax imposed under this section to  
9 the commissioner at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due to the  
10 commonwealth.