HOUSE No. 1359

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam J. Scanlon

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 late fees for no interest student loans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Adam J. Scanlon	14th Bristol	1/19/2021
Danillo A. Sena	37th Middlesex	1/28/2021
Steven C. Owens	29th Middlesex	2/2/2021
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	2/8/2021
Vanna Howard	17th Middlesex	2/19/2021
David Allen Robertson	19th Middlesex	2/25/2021
Paul R. Feeney	Bristol and Norfolk	2/26/2021
Patrick Joseph Kearney	4th Plymouth	2/26/2021
Andres X. Vargas	3rd Essex	2/26/2021
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	3/15/2021
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	2/26/2021
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	5/3/2021
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	6/7/2021

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By Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1359) of Adam J. Scanlon and others relative to late fees for no interest student loans. Higher Education.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act relative to late fees for no interest student loans.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a deferral of late fees for certain student loans, 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 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts department
- 2 of higher education and the office of student financial assistance shall not apply late fees to no-
- 3 interest student loans issued pursuant to clause (cc) of section 9 of chapter 15A of the General
- 4 Laws from March 10, 2020 to December 31st, 2021. Any late fee paid on a no-interest student
- 5 loan issued pursuant to said clause (cc) of said section 9 of said chapter 15A for a payment due
- 6 from March 10, 2020 to the effective date of this shall be refunded within 30 days of the
- 7 effective date of this act.