

HOUSE No. 497

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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 providing for checks and balances to the Civil Defense Act of 1950.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 497) of Marc T. Lombardo and others relative to proclamations of state of emergencies. Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.

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

An Act providing for checks and balances to the Civil Defense Act of 1950.

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. Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 is hereby amended by inserting after
2 Section 8A, the following new section:-

3 Section 8B - No Proclamation of State of Emergency or powers associated with such
4 proclamation or any Executive Orders or general regulations or powers pursuant to Sections 5, 7,
5 or 8 shall remain in effect for more than 30 days without the adoption of a joint resolution of the
6 house and senate by a three-fifths, roll-call vote of those present and voting of each chamber
7 granting a continuation of said Proclamation of State of Emergency or powers or Executive
8 Orders or general regulations or any part thereof. Thereafter, continuation of such orders or
9 powers must be authorized by the house and senate by a three-fifths, roll-call vote of those
10 present and voting of each chamber every 30 days thereafter; provided further that a quorum of
11 the house and senate are able to take such action