

SENATE No. 1982

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 promoting tax relief for adoptive parents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1982) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to promote tax relief for adoptive parents. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1787 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to promoting tax relief for adoptive parents.

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 62 of the General Laws shall be amended by inserting into Section
2 3 (B)(a)(8), between the words “January 1, 2001” and “No deduction shall be allowed...” the
3 following:-

4 “In the case of a taxpayer who maintains a household with legally adopted children as
5 dependents, as defined under section 152 of the Code, the individual shall be entitled to a credit
6 of \$3,600 if there is one such dependent with respect to the taxpayer, or \$7,200 if there are two
7 or more such dependents with respect to the taxpayer until said adopted dependents reach the age
8 of sixteen (16).”

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 62, Section 6 of the General Laws shall be amended by inserting
10 subsection (j), which shall read:-

11 “Parents adopting children who are disabled, as defined in section 22 of the Code, shall
12 be eligible for a tax credit of (i) \$2,000 upon completion of adoption in tax year 2019, (ii) \$4,000
13 upon completion of adoption in tax year 2020, (iii) \$6,000 upon completion of adoption in tax
14 year 2021, (iv) \$8,000 upon completion of adoption in tax year 2021, and \$10,000 upon
15 completion of adoption in or after tax year 2023.”