

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2602**

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**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 the Commonwealth Recovery Council.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2602) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the Commonwealth Recovery Council. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to the Commonwealth Recovery Council.

*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 4. There is hereby established the Commonwealth Recovery Council, for the  
2 purpose of assisting state government in taking actions to facilitate and expedite the recovery of  
3 the Massachusetts economy and its constituent businesses from the adverse impacts of the  
4 COVID-19 global pandemic, and to foster continued expansion and growth of economic activity.  
5 The council shall provide advice and counsel to the executive department and the legislature as  
6 requested, and shall identify and communicate measures to achieve goals including but not  
7 limited to:

- 8           Increasing jobs and the employment rate for all regions of the Commonwealth
- 9           Addressing inequalities and economic disparities affecting minority populations suffering
- 10          disproportionate impacts from the COVID-19 global pandemic

11 Preserving and strengthening the business infrastructure of the commonwealth, including  
12 physical locations, telecommunications and information technology systems and networks, and  
13 services necessary to support business enterprises

14 Preserving, maintaining and expanding collaboration and business to business networks  
15 and collaborations by and between Massachusetts entities

16 Identifying opportunities to assist Massachusetts businesses remain viable, come into  
17 existence, and/or grow.

18 Identifying any potential actions by state government that could be harmful to economic  
19 recovery

20 SECTION 2. The council shall consist of 21 members; the Secretary of Housing and  
21 Economic Development, who shall serve as its Chair, 2 members appointed by the Speaker of  
22 the House of Representatives, 1 of whom shall represent a labor organization and 1 of whom  
23 shall be a consultant with experience in business consulting and planning, 1 member appointed  
24 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives representing a business organization or  
25 trade group, 2 members appointed by the Senate President, 1 of whom shall represent a labor  
26 organization and 1 of whom shall represent an organization which advocates for the interests of  
27 minority populations in the commonwealth, 1 member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
28 Senate, whom shall represent a Massachusetts-based research organization with experience in  
29 economics, and 13 members appointed by the governor as follows : 2 members representing the  
30 hotel and hospitality industry from geographically diverse regions of the commonwealth, 2  
31 members representing the restaurant industry from geographically diverse regions of the  
32 commonwealth, 2 members representing retailers from geographically diverse regions of the

33 commonwealth, 2 members representing the manufacturing sector from geographically diverse  
34 regions of the commonwealth, at least 2 members representing the cultural and creative economy  
35 from geographically diverse regions of the commonwealth, and 3 additional members from  
36 geographically diverse regions of the commonwealth representing the interests of consumers and  
37 taxpayers.

38 SECTION 3. The council shall convene not less than every 3 months, and its meetings  
39 shall be public, with proper notice given , provided that such meetings may be conducted  
40 remotely through the use of publicly available technology. The council may elect to receive oral  
41 and written testimony at any of its meetings. Any findings, recommendations, and legislative  
42 proposals developed by the council shall be reported simultaneously to the Governor of the  
43 Commonwealth and the clerks of the House and Senate, and posted on the internet in a manner  
44 that allows for public inspection. The council shall produce a report of its activities not less than  
45 every 6 months, which shall be disseminated in the same manner.

46 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall expire on December 31, 2025 unless  
47 otherwise modified, extended or repealed.