

SENATE No. 1424

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 COVID-19 vaccination preregistration.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | |
| <i>Adam J. Scanlon</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>William M. Straus</i> | <i>10th Bristol</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Christina A. Minicucci</i> | <i>14th Essex</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i> | <i>16th Essex</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Kelly W. Pease</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Tram T. Nguyen</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>John Cronin</i> | <i>Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>2/11/2021</i> |

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| <i>Vanna Howard</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/19/2021</i> |
| <i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/23/2021</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/25/2021</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Carol A. Doherty</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Danillo A. Sena</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/1/2021</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i> | <i>9th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/8/2021</i> |

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1424) of Diana DiZoglio, Adam J. Scanlon, Shawn Dooley, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to COVID-19 vaccination preregistration. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to COVID-19 vaccination preregistration.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide all Massachusetts residents with the option of preregistering for COVID-19 vaccination, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and 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 department of public
2 health shall immediately establish a centralized system to provide all Massachusetts residents
3 with the option of preregistering for COVID-19 vaccination irrespective of phase or group of
4 eligibility under the Massachusetts COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan. Registrants shall be
5 required to provide current contact information and sufficient information to determine
6 qualification for a particular phase and group of eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination, including,
7 but not limited to, age, occupation, and underlying medical conditions that have been determined
8 to cause individuals to be at an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 as specified by
9 the Centers for Disease Control. Registrants shall be placed in separate queues based on phase

10 and group of eligibility in order of registration. Registrants shall be given the option to request
11 and prioritize a reasonable number of preferred available vaccination sites.

12 Subject to availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, as soon as practicable prior to the
13 launch of vaccine distribution for a particular phase and group of eligibility, appointments for
14 vaccination shall be offered to registrants within such upcoming phase and group of eligibility in
15 order of registration, at their preferred sites to the extent possible. Registrants shall be given a
16 reasonable period of time to respond. The department of public health, in coordination with the
17 vaccination sites, shall employ all practicable means to allow for automated appointment
18 availability alerts, responses and scheduling. Employers shall reasonably accommodate the
19 scheduling of COVID-19 vaccination appointments by their employees.

20 The preregistration system shall be made available to the general public via internet,
21 mobile application, telephone services, and any other reasonable means, in as many languages as
22 practicable. Telephone services must be sufficiently staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to
23 prevent significant wait times. The department of public health shall widely publicize the
24 preregistration system in order to inform as much of the general public as possible, including, but
25 not limited to, via the “AlertsMA” notification system.