

HOUSE No. 2808

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan D. Zlotnik and John C. Velis

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 providing a COVID-19 retirement credit to essential public-sector workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/21/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
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<i>John E. Nelson</i>	<i>MA Coalition of Police, PO Box 768, Millbury, MA 01527</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kevin Flanagan</i>	<i>MA Correction Officers Federated Union, 159 South Main Street, Milford, MA 01757</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Alf Barbulunga</i>	<i>MA Chiefs of Probation Officers Association, PO Box 365281, Boston, MA 02136</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Larry Calderon</i>	<i>Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, 295 Freeport St., Boston, MA 02122 (President)</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Steve Finnegan</i>	<i>United Steelworkers Union, 100 Medway Rd., Milford, MA 01757 - Subdistrict Director - District 4</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>David Holway</i>	<i>National Association of Government Employees (NAGE), 159 Burgin Parkway, Quincy, MA 02169</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Brian Westerman</i>	<i>Massachusetts Coalition of Public Safety, P.O. Box 399, Shrewsbury, MA 01545</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>

<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Gerald Flynn</i>	<i>New England Benevolent Police Association (NEBPA)</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
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<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>

<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>

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By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner and Senator Velis, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2808) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik, John C. Velis and others relative to providing a COVID-19 retirement credit to essential public-sector workers. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to providing a COVID-19 retirement credit to essential public-sector workers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following new
2 section after Section 4 ;

3 SECTION 1. (a) The following words shall have the following meanings

4 “Employee”, a person by employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; its political
5 subdivisions, state and community colleges and universities under the board of higher education
6 and the University of Massachusetts.

7 “COVID -19 Essential Employee Retirement Credit Bonus,” three years added to age or
8 years of service or a combination thereof for the purpose of calculating a retirement benefit

9 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary
10 of administration and finance shall identify all employees who have volunteered to work or who
11 have been required to work at their respective worksites or any other worksite outside of their

12 personal residence during the COVID-19 state of emergency declared by the Governor of the
13 Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

14 (b) On or before June 30, 2021, the secretary of administration shall work with
15 employers of employees defined in this section to identify and provide a list of employees and
16 their home mailing address to the state retirement board and all other relevant retirement boards
17 documenting the employees' eligibility for the COVID -19 Essential Employee Retirement
18 Credit Bonus defined in Section 3 of this Act hereinafter referred to as "credit". Said retirement
19 boards shall notify in writing each employee who will be eligible for the credit.

20 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or
21 special law to the contrary, and not before receiving from the secretary of administration and
22 finance the report required under subsection (a) of section 2, the state board of retirement and all
23 other relevant retirement boards shall establish and make the credit available to eligible
24 employees. Said credit shall be available for use by eligible employees at any time on or after the
25 effective date of this act.