

HOUSE No. 293

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 establishment of a small business recovery task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 293) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish a small business recovery task force. Community Development and Small Businesses.

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

An Act relative to the establishment of a small business recovery task force.

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. There shall be a special task force to monitor, review and report on the
2 economic impact of the novel coronavirus pandemic on small businesses in Massachusetts. The
3 task force shall consist of 12 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint committees on
4 small business and economic development or designees, who shall serve as the co-chairs; the
5 speaker of the house of representatives or a designee; the president of the senate or a designee;
6 the house minority leader or a designee; the senate minority leader or a designee; the secretary of
7 the executive office of housing and economic development or a designee; 1 member of the
8 Massachusetts office of business development appointed by the secretary of the executive office
9 of housing and economic development; the president of the Massachusetts restaurant association
10 or a designee; and the president of the associated industries of Massachusetts or a designee.

11 The task force shall: (i) identify and review how small businesses have been financially
12 impacted by the coronavirus pandemic; (ii) identify the long term financial impacts of

13 coronavirus on small businesses; (iii) review the state and federal laws, regulations, and
14 administrative directives that have been put in place to provide financial support to small
15 businesses during the pandemic; (iv) examine the barriers posed to small businesses when
16 attempting to access technical support from state and federal resources; and (v) develop policy
17 recommendations to address the short and long term financials impacts of the coronavirus
18 pandemic on small businesses, including, but not limited to, how the state can support them in
19 accessing state and federal resources.

20 The task force shall convene within one month of the passage of this act. The task force
21 shall submit a report with recommendations regarding how to help small businesses recover from
22 the financial impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including any draft legislation and
23 regulations, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate within 6 months of the
24 passage of this act.