

HOUSE No. 4565

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry and Paul J. Donato

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 room and board costs for au pairs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>

Patrick M. O'Connor

Plymouth and Norfolk

Donald H. Wong

9th Essex

Joseph D. McKenna

18th Worcester

Elizabeth A. Poirier

14th Bristol

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By Messrs. McMurtry of Dedham and Donato of Medford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry, Paul J. Donato and others relative to room and board costs for au pairs under certain provisions of the domestic workers rights law. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to room and board costs for au pairs.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a room and board deduction for au pair employers, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 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 SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of section 190 of chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting before the definition of “Domestic worker” the following definition:-

3 “Au pair”, an au pair participant who has been granted a J-1 visa solely for participation
4 in the federal Department of State-designated exchange visitor program governed by 22 CFR
5 section 62.31.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 90 of said chapter 149 is hereby further amended by inserting
7 after subsection (h) the following subsection:-

8 (h ½) Notwithstanding subsection (f), (g) and (h), an employer may deduct from the
9 payment to an au pair an amount for lodging, food and beverages not exceeding 40% of weekly
10 wages owed.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on December 2nd, 2019.