

HOUSE No. 4968

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 20, 2022.

The committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management, to whom were referred the petitions the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 249) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to the duration of a proclaimed state of emergency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 477) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to the inequitable impact of the pandemic on Black and Latinx individuals with autism; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 478) of Daniel R. Carey and others relative to the power of the Governor to declare an emergency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 479) of Josh S. Cutler relative to high-occupancy vehicle lane access during a state of emergency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 481) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to a temporary emissions cap on particulate matter contaminants in adversely affected COVID-19 populations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 482) of Peter J. Durant and others relative to prohibiting travel of persons from outside the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 483) of Nika C. Elugardo and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to establishing a COVID-19 funeral and burial assistance fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 484) of Paul K. Frost and Norman J. Orrall relative to exempting restaurants from certain sales taxes paid during the pandemic; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 485) of Paul K. Frost relative to exempting certain unemployment claims from the income tax; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 486) of Paul K. Frost, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall relative to providing for a paycheck protection program loan tax exemption; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 487) of Paul K. Frost relative to providing for a school emergency preparedness instructional awareness program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 488) of William C. Galvin relative to non-medical healthcare expenses related to prevention of COVID-19; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 489) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to COVID-19 relief for college

students; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 490) of Carlos González and others for legislation to establish a special fund to be known as the COVID-19 essential worker burial assistance fund to be administered by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 491) of Tami L. Gouveia and others for legislation to authorize vaccination sites to provide employees, contractors, vendors, and volunteers to take a COVID-19 rapid antigen test; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 492) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to the requirement for operational plans for the recognition and management of patients with dementia or delirium in acute-care settings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 494) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 495) of Kevin G. Honan and others for legislation to establish a joint oversight committee on personal protective equipment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 497) of Marc T. Lombardo and others relative to proclamations of state of emergencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 498) of Christina Barefoot relative to the reporting of possible vaccine adverse events occurring in connection with vaccination; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3717) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to the powers of city and town officials during public health emergencies; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3780) of Tami L. Gouveia and others for legislation to establish a statewide COVID-19 rapid testing program within the Department of Public Health, reports the accompanying Order (House, No. 4968) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and
2 Management be authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation
3 and study of Senate document numbered 249 and House documents numbered 477, 478, 479,
4 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 494, 495, 497, 498, 3717 and 3780,
5 relative to COVID-19, emergency preparedness, emergency management and other related
6 matters.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
8 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
9 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
10 on or before December 31, 2022.