

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1659**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 creation of a super research and development tax credit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1659) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to create a super research and development tax credit. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1572 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the creation of a super research and development tax credit.

*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 \_\_. Section 38 of Chapter 63 as appearing in the 2014 official edition is hereby  
2 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

3           Super Research and Development Tax Credit

4           Section 1. A business corporation or taxpayer that qualifies for the research expense tax  
5 credit allowed under section 38M of this Chapter and 830 CMR 63.38M.1 is allowed an  
6 additional credit against the tax due under this section equal to the excess, if any, of qualified  
7 research expenses for the taxable year over the super credit base amount. For purposes of this  
8 section, "super credit base amount" means the average amount spent on qualified research  
9 expenses by the taxpayer in the 5 taxable years immediately preceding the effective date of this  
10 section, increased by 50%. For purposes of this section, "qualified research expenses" has the

11 same meaning as under 830 CMR 63.38M.1 but applies only to expenditures for research  
12 conducted in this State.

13 Section 2. The credit allowed under this section is limited to 50% of the taxpayer's tax  
14 due after the allowance of any other credits taken pursuant to this chapter.

15 Section 3. A business corporation or taxpayer entitled to a credit under this section for  
16 any taxable year may carry over and apply to the tax due for any one or more of the next  
17 succeeding 5 taxable years the portion, as reduced from year to year, of any unused credit, but in  
18 no event may the credit applied in any single year exceed 50% of the taxpayer's tax due after the  
19 allowance of any other credits taken pursuant to this chapter.

20 Section 4. The credit provided by this section may not be used to reduce the business  
21 corporation or taxpayer's tax liability under this section to less than the amount of the taxpayer's  
22 tax due in the preceding taxable year after the allowance of any credits taken pursuant to this  
23 chapter.

24 Section 5. In the case of corporations filing a combined return, a credit generated by an  
25 individual member corporation under the provisions of this section must first be applied against  
26 the tax due attributable to that company under this Part. A member corporation with an excess  
27 research and development credit may apply its excess credit against the tax due of another group  
28 member to the extent that that other member corporation can use additional credits under the  
29 limitations of subsection 4. Unused, unexpired credits generated by a member corporation may  
30 be carried over from year to year by the individual corporation that generated the credit, subject  
31 to the limitation in subsection 3.