

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1776**

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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 reducing the sales tax to 5 percent.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1776) of Bruce E. Tarr, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and David F. DeCoste for legislation to reduce the sales tax to 5 percent. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1650 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act reducing the sales tax to 5 percent.

*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. Section 2 of chapter 64H of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5.8 per cent”.

3 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 64H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
4 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5.4 per cent”.

5 SECTION 3. Section 2 of said chapter 64H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
6 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5 per cent”.

7 SECTION 4. Section 2 of Chapter 64I of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
8 the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5.8 per cent”.

9           SECTION 5. Section 2 of said chapter 64I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
10 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5.4 per cent”.

11           SECTION 6. Section 2 of said chapter 64I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
12 striking the words “6.25 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the words “5 per cent”.

13           SECTION 7. Sections 1 and 4 shall take effect on August 1, 2019.

14           SECTION 8. Sections 2 and 5 shall take effect on August 1, 2020.

15           SECTION 9. Sections 3 and 6 shall take effect on August 1, 2021.