

HOUSE No. 1544

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 a permanent sales tax holiday.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

5th Worcester

Shaunna L. O'Connell

3rd Bristol

Kevin J. Kuros

8th Worcester

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1544) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish an annual sales tax holiday. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2556 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to a permanent sales tax holiday.

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. Chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 6, the following new section:-

3 Section 6A. The commissioner of revenue is hereby authorized and directed to annually
4 designate, by July 15 of each calendar year, a two-day weekend in August during which no
5 excise shall be imposed upon non-business sales at retail in the commonwealth of tangible
6 personal property, as defined in section 1 of this chapter, but for the purposes of this section,
7 tangible personal property shall not include telecommunications, gas, steam, electricity, motor
8 vehicles, boats, meals, or any single item whose price is in excess of \$2,500.

9 For the days designated by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of this section, a
10 vendor in the commonwealth shall not add to the sales price or collect from any non-business

11 purchaser an excise upon sales at retail of tangible personal property, as defined in section 1 of
12 this chapter. The commissioner of revenue shall not require any vendor to collect and pay excise
13 upon sales at retail of tangible personal property purchased on said designated days. Any excise
14 erroneously or improperly collected during the designated days shall be remitted to the
15 department of revenue. This section shall not apply to the sale of telecommunications, tobacco
16 products subject to the excise imposed by chapter 64C of the General Laws, gas, steam,
17 electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats, meals, or any single item whose price is in excess of
18 \$2,500.

19 When choosing the designated days, the commissioner shall take into consideration the
20 observance of any religious and secular days of observation occurring therein; provided further,
21 that the commissioner shall designate such days so as to maximize the economic benefit to the
22 commonwealth.

23 Reporting requirements imposed upon vendors of tangible personal property, by law or
24 by regulation, including, but not limited to, the requirements for filing returns required by
25 chapter 62C of the General Laws, shall remain in effect for sales for the days designated by the
26 commissioner.

27 On or before December 31 of each year, the commissioner of revenue shall certify to the
28 comptroller the amount of sales tax forgone, as well as new revenue raised from personal and
29 corporate income taxes and other sources, because of this act. The commissioner shall issue a
30 report, detailing by fund the amounts under general and special laws governing the distribution
31 of revenues under this chapter which would have been deposited in each fund, without this act.

32 The commissioner of revenue shall issue instructions or forms, or promulgate rules or
33 regulations, necessary for the implementation of this act.