

# HOUSE . . . . . No.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jonathan D. Zlotnik and John C. Velis*

*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 providing a COVID-19 retirement credit to essential public-sector workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/21/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to providing a COVID-19 retirement credit to essential public-sector workers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following new  
section after Section 4 ;

SECTION 1. (a) The following words shall have the following meanings

“Employee”, a person by employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; its political  
subdivisions, state and community colleges and universities under the board of higher education  
and the University of Massachusetts.

“COVID -19 Essential Employee Retirement Credit Bonus,” three years added to age or  
years of service or a combination thereof for the purpose of calculating a retirement benefit

SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary  
of administration and finance shall identify all employees who have volunteered to work or who  
have been required to work at their respective worksites or any other worksite outside of their

12 personal residence during the COVID-19 state of emergency declared by the Governor of the  
13 Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

14 (b) On or before June 30, 2021, the secretary of administration shall work with  
15 employers of employees defined in this section to identify and provide a list of employees and  
16 their home mailing address to the state retirement board and all other relevant retirement boards  
17 documenting the employees' eligibility for the COVID -19 Essential Employee Retirement  
18 Credit Bonus defined in Section 3 of this Act hereinafter referred to as "credit". Said retirement  
19 boards shall notify in writing each employee who will be eligible for the credit.

20 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or  
21 special law to the contrary, and not before receiving from the secretary of administration and  
22 finance the report required under subsection (a) of section 2, the state board of retirement and all  
23 other relevant retirement boards shall establish and make the credit available to eligible  
24 employees. Said credit shall be available for use by eligible employees at any time on or after the  
25 effective date of this act.