

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1647**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Bradford Hill***

*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 repealing the employer medical assistance contribution tax.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                          | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>   | <i>20th Middlesex</i>            |
| <i>Bradford 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>Donald H. Wong</i>          | <i>9th Essex</i>                 |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i>              | <i>5th Barnstable</i>            |
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i>            |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i>        | <i>4th Bristol</i>               |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>    | <i>1st Worcester</i>             |
| <i>F. Jay Barrows</i>          | <i>1st Bristol</i>               |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i>             | <i>11th Worcester</i>            |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>    | <i>3rd Bristol</i>               |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>           | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |

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By Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1647) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to repealing the employer medical assistance contribution. Labor and Workforce Development.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to repealing the employer medical assistance contribution tax.

*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 8A of chapter 23H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking after the word “system”, in line 2, the following  
3 words:- , the contribution established under section 189A of chapter 149.

4 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 189 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as  
5 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “.51” and  
6 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- .34.

7 SECTION 3. Paragraph 2 of subsection (d) of said section 189 of said chapter 149 is  
8 hereby further amended by striking out the figure “.18” and inserting in place thereof the  
9 following figure:- .12.

10 SECTION 4. Paragraph 3 of said subsection (d) of section 189 of said chapter 149 is  
11 hereby further amended by striking out the figure “.36” and inserting in place thereof the  
12 following figure:- .24.

13           SECTION 5. Said chapter 149 is hereby further amended by striking section 189A, in its  
14 entirety.

15           SECTION 6. The director of unemployment assistance shall return all contributions paid  
16 by each employer in calendar year 2019 pursuant to section 189A of chapter 149 within 90 days  
17 of the passage of this act.

18           SECTION 7. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 2019.