

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3717**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Tommy Vitolo***

*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 powers of city and town officials during a public health emergency.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                        | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Tommy Vitolo</i>          | <i>15th Norfolk</i>   | <i>2/16/2021</i> |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i>          | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>    | <i>11th Suffolk</i>   | <i>3/15/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3717) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to the powers of city and town officials during public health emergencies. Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to the powers of city and town officials during a public health emergency.

*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 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 37A, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, the following section:-

3 SECTION 37B. The mayor of any city other than a city having a Plan D or Plan E form  
4 of charter, the city manager of a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter, and the selectmen of a  
5 town may, from the date of the emergency declaration issued by the Governor, dated March 10,  
6 2020 and designated as executive order number 591, until such time as the emergency  
7 declaration is rescinded by the governor, impose limitations on the operation of businesses  
8 within the city or town, including but not limited to limitations on business hours, operating  
9 procedures of types of businesses, and closing of types of businesses;