

SENATE No. 1147

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 to provide a safe harbor for health regulations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1147) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to provide a safe harbor for health regulations. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide a safe harbor for health regulations.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in a civil action
2 against a business arising from alleged infection of COVID-19, so called, it shall be an
3 affirmative defense that the business made any and all reasonable efforts to comply with all
4 local, state, and federal laws regulations, rules, guidance, and standards applicable to public
5 health and the prevention of virus transmission.

6 SECTION 2. For the purposes of this section, the term business shall include entities
7 organized for profit and not for profit under the laws of the commonwealth and the United
8 States.