

MRA

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON YOUR BEHALF DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

JANUARY - MARCH

- Legislation signed into law clarifying the tip law and managerial responsibility.
- Third party delivery cap signed into law.
- Legislation signed into law ensuring business expenses paid with Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans are tax deductible.

APRIL - JUNE

- SBA launches Restaurant Recovery Fund providing nearly \$30 Billion in direct grants to restaurant industry.
- MRA launches billboard campaign across Massachusetts.
- All Covid related restaurant restrictions lifted.
- Legislation signed into law extending provisions of expedited outdoor dining and beer/wine and cocktails to go.

JULY - SEPTEMBER

- MRA joins Restaurant Law Center to file an amici brief in Business Interruption Insurance denial case.
- Legislation introduced to replenish RRF Funds.
- Additional Legislation (ENTRÉE Act) introduced to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF).
- SBA announced new flexibilities and enhancements for COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program. Among the changes are enhanced loan amounts, expanded use of funds, and broader eligibility rules.
- Industry impact survey released to legislature and media.

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

- An Act extending COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick leave, was signed into law.
- Industry sent a letter to President Biden highlighting how supply chain challenges and inflation are weighing down restaurant industry rebuilding and suggesting solutions that would have a long-term impact if implemented.
- Legislation signed into law ensuring RRF, PPP and MGCC grants remain tax-free.
- Legislation signed into law to address egg and pork shortage
- Helped secure \$500 million in Unemployment Insurance Relief.