

HOUSE No. 3862

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 18, 2015.

The committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1493) of Paul McMurtry and other relative to the registered land in the office of an assistant recorder, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3862) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN V. FERNANDES.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to modernizing the Registries of Deeds.

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 185 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first
2 sentence of section 63, and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 Each assistant recorder shall keep a legible entry book, in book or electronic form, in
4 which the assistant recorder shall enter, in order of their reception, all deeds and voluntary
5 instruments, and copies of writs or other processes filed with the assistant recorder relating to
6 registered land.

7 SECTION 2. Said chapter 185 is hereby further amended in lines 13 and 14, by striking
8 out the following: - "or of an assistant recorder"; and is hereby further amended by inserting at
9 the end thereof the following language:-

10 All recorded documents relative to the registered land in the office of an assistant
11 recorder shall be open to the public by having copies or electronic images of these recorded
12 documents available for public inspection.

13 SECTION 3 - Said section 63 of chapter 185 is hereby further amended by inserting at
14 the end thereof the following language:- Nothing in this section shall relieve the recorder,
15 and any of his or her assistants, of the obligation, pursuant to sections seven and ten of chapter
16 one hundred eighty-five, to preserve and maintain custody and control of all papers and
17 documents currently in his or her possession or received up to or on June 30, 2016.