

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3630**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey***

*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 state aid to municipalities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Sean Garballey*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*23rd Middlesex*

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3630) of Sean Garballey relative to state aid to municipalities. Ways and Means.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to state aid to municipalities.

*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 13 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

3           (f) In any fiscal year, if the amount appropriated is less than the amount of unrestricted  
4 general government aid in the previous fiscal year, it shall not be reduced to an amount below the  
5 sum of the municipality’s lottery and additional assistance local aid as appropriated in fiscal year  
6 2002. If there is an appropriation to any municipality below this sum, the commonwealth shall  
7 defend, indemnify and hold harmless the municipality from all claims by third parties which may  
8 arise out of the result of this reduction in aid.