HOUSE No. 2663

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 taxation of public land used for commercial purposes on MBTA property.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	
Thomas M. Menino	Boston City Hall, 9th floor Boston, MA	
Carlo Basile	1st Suffolk	
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk	1/31/2013
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk	1/23/2013
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	
Denise Andrews	2nd Franklin	
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	

By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2663) of Elizabeth A. Malia, Thomas M. Menino and others relative to the taxation of public land used for commercial purposes. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 777 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the taxation of public land used for commercial purposes on MBTA property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 24 of chapter 161A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the last sentence the following sentences: -

3 Real property of the authority shall, if leased, used, or occupied in connection with a 4 business conducted for profit shall, for the privilege of such lease, use or occupancy be valued, 5 classified, assessed and taxed annually as of January first to the lessee, user, or occupant in the 6 same manner and to the same extent as if such lessee, user, or occupant were the owner thereof 7 in full. No tax assessed under this section shall be a lien upon the real estate with respect to 8 which it is assessed; nor shall any tax be enforced by any sale or taking of such real estate; but 9 the interest of any lessee therein may be sold or taken by the collector of the town in which the 10 real estate lies for the nonpayment of such taxes in the manner provided by law for the sale or 11 taking of real estate for nonpayment of annual taxes. Notwithstanding the above, such collector 12 shall have for the collections of taxes assessed under this section all other remedies provided by 13 chapter sixty for the collection of annual taxes upon real estate.