

HOUSE No. 2218

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act [Title].

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, the attorney
2 general shall establish a two year pilot program to implement a state “Massachusetts abandoned
3 property registry”, hereinafter referred to as MAP. Such registry shall require all property
4 owners, including lenders, trustees, and service companies, to properly register and maintain
5 vacant and/or foreclosing properties located in the state.

6 The attorney general shall have enforcement authority of the pilot program, and shall
7 establish rules governing the implementation and administration of the MAP pilot program.

8 The MAP pilot program shall be implemented 120 days after passage, and shall expire
9 two years thereafter.

10 SECTION 2. Section 18 ³/₄ of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
11 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (9) the following:-

12 (10) to develop and implement, in conjunction with the criminal history systems board
13 and the department of public safety, an electronic registration and licensing system for recording,

14 updating and communicating among criminal justice agencies of the executive office, the
15 attorney general, municipal officials, municipal police departments, and district attorneys, all
16 purchasing information of “junk dealers” and “pawnbrokers” deemed required by the secretary.