

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3298**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relating to the requirements of approval for certain lands formerly appurtenant to railroad right of ways..

*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. Section 54A of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following paragraph:-

3 This section shall not apply to any such lands, or property appurtenant thereto,  
4 sold by a railroad company to a person other than another railroad company, if the deed  
5 evidencing such sale was recorded or filed for registration at least fifty years prior to the date on  
6 which an application for any permit to build a structure of any kind on the property is filed.

7 SECTION 2. This Act shall apply to deeds executed and recorded on, after and prior to  
8 its effective date.