

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1577**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to eminent domain..

*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 79 of the General Laws shall be amended by inserting after Section  
2 1, the following section:

3 Any officials authorized to exercise Eminent Domain may not condemn private real  
4 property used as a residence, business establishment, farm or forest operation if at the time of the  
5 condemnation the officials intend to transfer directly or indirectly to another person if the taking  
6 is for the purpose of private development or other private use of the property.