

SENATE No. 2549

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Ten

An Act clarify recording requirements at registries of deeds.

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 36 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 14, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3 Section 14. Each register shall keep a record, in book or electronic form, into which the
4 register shall enter recording information for all instruments accepted for record, in the order in
5 which they are recorded. Upon recording of an instrument, the following information shall be
6 entered into the record: the day, hour and minute when the register assigns an instrument
7 number, or book and page number, as the case may be; the instrument number, or book and page
8 number, so assigned; the names of the grantors and grantees in the instrument; and the city or
9 town in which the land lies.

10 No instrument received by the register shall be considered recorded until the register
11 assigns to the instrument an instrument number, or book and page number, as the case may be.

12 Any change or correction made to the record shall be accessible to the public in the
13 particular registry district in which the affected land lies. Such change or correction shall be

- 14 maintained by the register as part of the record for public inspection during registry business
- 15 hours at each office in the registry district. Any change or correction to the record shall
- 16 document the nature and date of the change or correction.