

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2302**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth J. Donnelly***

*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 authorizing the town of Burlington to grant retroactive abatements for certain taxes to certain military personnel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	
<i>Charles A. Murphy</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2302) of Kenneth J. Donnelly and Charles A. Murphy ( by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the acceptance of real estate exemption provisions for certain military personnel in the town of Burlington. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Burlington to grant retroactive abatements for certain taxes to certain military personnel.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of assessors of the  
2 town of Burlington may grant, retroactive to fiscal year 2002, real and personal property tax  
3 abatements, up to 100 per cent of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts national  
4 guard and to reservists on active duty and serving in foreign countries, for the fiscal year in  
5 which said military personnel is on active duty and serving in foreign countries, subject to  
6 eligibility criteria developed by the board of assessors. The authority to grant abatements under  
7 this act shall expire after fiscal year 2015, unless extended by a vote of the board of selectmen of  
8 the town of Burlington.