

HOUSE No. 1860

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin J. Kuros

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 relative to Cable PEG Access Enterprise Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/23/2013</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	

HOUSE No. 1860

By Mr. Kuros of Uxbridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1860) of Kevin J. Kuros and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to establish cable enterprise funds for the support of educational and governmental channels. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1451 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to Cable PEG Access Enterprise Fund.

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 53F¹/₂ of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “utility”, in line 4, the following
3 words:- , “cable television public access.”

4 SECTION 2. Said chapter 44, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting
5 after section 53F¹/₂ the following section:

6 Section 53F³/₄. Notwithstanding section 53 or any other general or special law to the
7 contrary, a municipality that accepts this section may establish in the treasury a separate revenue
8 account to be known as the “PEG Access and Cable Related Funds”, into which may be
9 deposited funds received in connection with a franchise agreement between a cable operator and
10 the municipality. Monies in the fund shall only be appropriated for cable-related purposes
11 consistent with the franchise agreement, including but not limited to, support of public,
12 educational or governmental access cable television services; monitor compliance of the cable
13 operator with the franchise agreement; or prepare for renewal of the franchise license.”