HOUSE No. 3168

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph F. Wagner

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 certain properties in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:Joseph F. Wagner8th Hampden1/18/2013

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3168) of Joseph F. Wagner relative to the issuance of permits to build structures on land formerly used as a railroad right-of-way. Transportation.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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6 7 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 40, Section 54A of the General Laws, as appearing in the most recent edition, is hereby amended by striking the first sentence of the first paragraph and inserting the following:

No permit to build a structure of any kind on land formerly used as a railroad right of way, as established by a record title search of the past 50 years, shall be issued by any city or town in the commonwealth without first obtaining, after public hearing, the consent in writing to the issuance of such permit from the secretary of the Department of Transportation.