

HOUSE No. 3372

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian R. Mannal and Randy Hunt

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 betterments and assessments for sewer projects in the town of Barnstable.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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By Messrs. Mannal of Barnstable and Hunt of Sandwich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3372) of Brian R. Mannal and Randy Hunt (by vote of the town) relative to borrowing for and the term and apportionment of betterments and assessments for sewer projects in the town of Barnstable. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to betterments and assessments for sewer projects in the town of Barnstable.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the following
2 procedures shall apply in the town of Barnstable to assessments pursuant to chapters 80 or 83 of
3 the General Laws for making and repairing sewers within the Town of Barnstable.

4 (a) At any time before the completion by the assessors of the valuation list for the year in
5 which assessments for making and repairing sewers will first appear on the annual tax bill, the
6 board of assessors may, and at the request of the owner of the land assessed shall, apportion all
7 such assessments or unpaid balances thereof into such number of equal portions, not exceeding
8 thirty years or the useful life of the main drains and common sewers as approved by the
9 department of environmental protection, whichever is less, as is determined by said board or as is
10 requested by the owner of land, but no one of such portions shall be less than five dollars.

11 (b) At the request of the owner of land made within the same time period provided in
12 subsection (a), the principle and interest combined for each portion of all assessments and unpaid
13 balances shall be as nearly equal as practicable.

14 (c) The annual portion adopted by the board of assessors pursuant to subsection (a) shall
15 be billed and collected at the election of the town on quarterly, semi-annual or a single tax bill or
16 bills.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage and apply to all betterments and
18 assessments made after April 7, 2011.