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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Michael A. Costello and Kathleen O'Connor Ives*

*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 city of Newburyport to impose liens upon properties in the town of Newbury which connect to the water and sewer systems of the city.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael A. Costello</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2013</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>

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By Representative Costello of Newburyport and Senator O'Connor Ives, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Michael A. Costello and Kathleen O'Connor Ives (with the approval of the mayor and city council of the city of Newburyport) relative to authorizing the city of Newburyport to impose liens upon properties in the town of Newbury which connect to the water and sewer systems of the city. The Judiciary. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act authorizing the city of Newburyport to impose liens upon properties in the town of Newbury which connect to the water and sewer systems of the city.

*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 City of  
2 Newburyport may impose a lien upon any property in the Town of Newbury which is or shall be  
3 connected to the water and/or sewer system of the City of Newburyport pursuant to an agreement  
4 or agreements, past or future, between the City of Newburyport and the Town of Newbury,  
5 which lien shall secure unpaid fees and charges relative to connection to or use of the water  
6 and/or sewer systems of the City of Newburyport. If a charge or fee secured by such lien remains  
7 unpaid when the Town of Newbury assessor is preparing a real estate tax list and warrant, upon  
8 request by the City of Newburyport, the charge or fee and any interest and costs incurred by the  
9 City may be added to the tax on such property pursuant to section 58 of chapter 40 of the  
10 General Laws. Upon receipt of tax payments which include a charge or fee imposed pursuant to  
11 such agreement between the City of Newburyport and the Town of Newbury, the Town of  
12 Newbury shall forthwith transfer such charge or fee payment and any interest and costs incurred  
13 by the City to the City of Newburyport.

14           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.