

SENATE No. 1939

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Therese Murray

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 regulating sewer betterment assessments in the town of Falmouth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Therese Murray</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>

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By Ms. Murray, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1939) of Therese Murray, Timothy R. Madden and David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) for legislation to regulate sewer service area betterment assessments in the town of Falmouth. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act regulating sewer betterment assessments in the town of Falmouth.

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

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2 and by the authority of same, as follows:

3 Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of
4 Falmouth may assess and collect interest on an unpaid balance of a sewer betterment assessment
5 at a rate up to 2% of the net rate of interest chargeable to the town for the project to which the
6 assessment relates.

7 Section 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of
8 Falmouth may apportion all future sewer assessments or unpaid balances of assessments over a
9 period not to exceed thirty (30) years, and may structure the payments so that the amounts
10 payable in the several years for principal and interest combined are as nearly equal as
11 practicable. These equal payments may be further apportioned and collected by the town on
12 quarterly tax bills at the option of the town. An owner of land assessed may pay the total
13 remaining principal amount due without a prepayment penalty.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.