

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1872**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Vega*

*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 unpaid sewer use charges in the city of Holyoke.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>10/7/2019</i>

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1872) of Aaron Vega and Donald F. Humason, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to unpaid sewer use charges in the city of Holyoke. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3962 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to unpaid sewer use charges in the city of Holyoke.

*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 the provisions of any general or special law to the  
2 contrary, the city of Holyoke may shut off the supply of water to any property for which a sewer  
3 use charge remains overdue or unpaid until the overdue or unpaid sewer use charge is paid;  
4 provided, however, upon receipt of notice of an overdue or unpaid sewer use charge from the  
5 city of Holyoke, its sewer commission or its board of public works, the Holyoke Water Works  
6 shall shut off the water to the subject property in the same manner and to the same extent as it  
7 would be authorized to for an overdue or unpaid water charge.

8           SECTION 2: Nothing set forth herein shall be construed to limit the city of Holyoke, its  
9 sewer commission or its board of public works from collecting overdue or unpaid sewer use  
10 charges by any other means authorized by law.

11           SECTION 3: This act shall take effect upon its passage.