

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2502**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John V. Fernandes*

*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 the taxation of chapter lands.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>11/15/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>11/15/2019</i>

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By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2502) of John V. Fernandes, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Brian M. Ashe that applications pertaining to the taxation of certain open space lands be approved only upon the taxes on such property being paid in full. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2701 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the taxation of chapter lands.

*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. Section 3 of chapter 61 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following new  
3 sentence “Provided, however, that no such application shall be approved unless taxes on such  
4 property have been paid in full.”

5 SECTION 2. Section 6 of chapter 61A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
6 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new sentence “Provided,  
7 however, that no such application shall be approved unless taxes on such property have been  
8 paid in full.”

9           SECTION 3. Section 6 of chapter 61B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new sentence “Provided,  
11 however, that no such application shall be approved unless taxes on such property have been  
12 paid in full.”

13           SECTION 4: This act shall take effect upon its passage.