

HOUSE No. 2648

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake and Daniel A. Wolf

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 approving the application by the town of Truro of the local option room occupancy excise to seasonal rental properties in the town of Truro.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Sarah K. Peake</i> | <i>4th Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Daniel A. Wolf</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> |

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By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Wolf, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2648) of Sarah K. Peake and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) relative to seasonal rental properties in the town of Truro. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act approving the application by the town of Truro of the local option room occupancy excise to seasonal rental properties in the town of Truro.

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, in addition to the authority to impose a local excise tax upon any transfer of occupancy
3 of any room or rooms as may be set forth in and authorized by Chapter 64G section 3A of the
4 Massachusetts General Laws or other law, as the same may be amended from time to time, the
5 town of Truro shall, commencing on the first day of the fiscal year that begins after the effective
6 date of this Act, be authorized to impose a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any
7 room in a seasonal rental property or other transient accommodations located within said town
8 by any operator at the rate of up to but not exceeding six (6) percent of the total amount of rent
9 of each such occupancy.

10 SECTION 2. For the purposes of this chapter, all terms used herein shall, unless the
11 context requires otherwise, have the same meanings as set forth in Chapter 64G section 1 of the
12 Massachusetts General Laws and as follows:

13 “Occupancy”, the use or possession, or the right to the use or possession, of any room or
14 rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, bed and breakfast home, hotel, lodging house, motel,
15 seasonal rental property or other transient accommodation designed and normally used for
16 sleeping and living purposes, or the right to the use or possession of the furnishings or the
17 services and accommodations, including breakfast in a bed and breakfast establishment or bed
18 and breakfast home, accompanying the use and possession of such room or rooms, for a period
19 of ninety consecutive calendar days or less, regardless of whether such use and possession is as a
20 lessee, tenant, guest or licensee.

21 “Seasonal rental property or other transient accommodations” shall mean any bed and
22 breakfast home, as defined by Chapter 64G section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws and any
23 residential or commercial dwelling, dwelling unit or part thereof, unit of a condominium as
24 defined by Chapter 183A of the Massachusetts General Laws or time-share as defined by
25 Chapter 183B of the Massachusetts General Laws, used for the lodging of guests or invitees in
26 exchange for rent.

27 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.