

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Durant and Anne M. Gobi***

*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 designations of certain charges and fees in the town of Charlton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>12/21/2015</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>12/22/2015</i>

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By Representative Durant of Spencer and Senator Gobi, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town of Charlton) that the town of Charlton be authorized to collect outstanding water charges due under an inter-municipal agreement with the town of Southbridge. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to designations of certain charges and fees in the town of Charlton.

*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 contrary,  
2 charges or fees assessed by another municipality to properties in the town of Charlton for water  
3 services pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement shall be deemed to be "municipal charges" or  
4 "local charges and fees" of the town of Charlton for purposes of sections 42A through 42F, 57  
5 and 58 of chapter 40 of the General Laws and for all actions taken in connection therewith, and  
6 the town of Charlton shall have all the duties, powers and responsibilities set forth in said  
7 sections with regard to such charges to the same extent as if it was providing water services to  
8 properties in the town of Charlton. The town of Charlton shall be further authorized to take  
9 action under the aforementioned statutes in the event the town of Charlton, rather than the  
10 recipient of water services in the town of Charlton, is required to pay to the municipality  
11 providing water services any outstanding charges and fees in accordance with the terms of an  
12 intermunicipal agreement.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.