The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, Thursday, March 24, 2016

The committee on Revenue.to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1463) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., Kevin G. Honan and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation relative to the improvement in the process for collecting delinquent property taxes; and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2605) of John J. Mahoney and others relative to the process for collecting delinquent property taxes,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2192).

For the committee, Michael J. Rodrigues

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An Act relative to the improvement in the process for collecting delinquent property taxes.

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 68 of chapter 60 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "warrant", in line 14, the following words:-,
- 3 including but not limited to (1) ordering extended repayment agreements, (2) waiving or
- 4 reducing the interest accrued on the account, (3) deferring the foreclosure decree to allow the
- 5 residents of the property to remain due to age, disability or other circumstances so warranted in
- 6 the public interest, where there is sufficient equity in the property such that repayment is assured
- 7 upon award of title at the close of the deferral period, or (4) other terms or conditions that serve
- 8 the public interest.