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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1505

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Geoff Diehl

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 tax titles in the town of East Bridgewater.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*	*1/17/2017*

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1505) of Geoff Diehl (by vote of the town) relative to tax titles in the town of East Bridgewater. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3502* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act relative to tax titles in the town of East Bridgewater.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the Town of East Bridgewater has conveyed or sold any land or holds a tax title, under Chapter 60 of the General Laws, and the land meets the following criteria:

(1) The land transfer was memorialized by an instrument in writing, conveying or taking or purporting to convey or take the land;

(2) The instrument effectuating the land transfer is duly recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the district where the land is situated;

(3) The land was or is located on any of the following East Bridgewater Assessor's maps: 85, 86, 87, 95, 96, 104, 105 or 115;

(4) The land's description is based on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Belonging to The Hanson Land Co. Situated in the Towns of East Bridgewater and Hanson, Mass. By J.C. Torrey C.E. dated July 1888," filed on July 18, 1888 at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at plan 1, page 36; and

(5) Either the notice or procedure for the taking and the sale or conveyance of the land, under said Chapter 60, or the instrument of record thereof because of deficit, irregularity or omission fails to comply with any requirement of law relating thereto, including a failure by the Town to foreclose the right of redemption, then the instrument or record of the land transfer shall, notwithstanding any deficiencies in clause (5), be effective for all purposes and shall operate to foreclose all rights of redemption to the same extent as though no such deficiencies existed, unless an instrument of redemption has been recorded prior to the effective date of this act.

Section 2. This act shall only apply to the instruments pertaining to any fiscal years prior to and including fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, and shall not apply to any legal proceeding, commenced before the effective date of this act in the courts of this Commonwealth, in which a party has appeared asserting a cause of action claiming the right to redeem.

Section 3. This act shall take effect one (1) year after the effective date of this act.