

HOUSE No. 4000

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 6, 2017.

The committee on Revenue to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1499) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to deeds excise receipts, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4000) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JAY R. KAUFMAN

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

An Act relative to deeds excise receipts.

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. Chapter 64D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 1 the following section:-

3 Section 1A. (a) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, Bristol,
4 Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk and Plymouth counties shall retain 20 per cent of all deeds excise
5 receipts received on or after July 1, 2018, in addition to the amounts of deeds excise receipts
6 retained by said counties pursuant to any other statute or regulation. Such funds shall be
7 deposited to the general fund of the county, and shall be disbursed and expended for meeting the
8 costs of the operation and maintenance of the county, or retained by the county for such future
9 use.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, Barnstable county
11 shall retain 7.5 per cent of all deeds excise receipts received pursuant to this chapter on or after
12 July 1, 2018, in addition to the amounts of deeds excise receipts retained by said county pursuant
13 to any other statute or regulation. Such funds shall be deposited to the general fund of the county,

14 and shall be disbursed and expended for meeting the costs of the operation and maintenance of
15 the county, or retained by the county for such future use.

16 SECTION 2. Said chapter 64D is hereby further amended by inserting after section 11
17 the following section:-

18 Section 11A. Each register of deeds in whose county or registry district a regional council
19 of governments has been established under section 567 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1996 or
20 under section 20 of chapter 34B of the general laws shall on or before the tenth day of the month
21 transmit to the treasury of said regional council of governments that portion of 20 per cent of
22 deeds excise receipts received during the preceding calendar month as represents the quotient of
23 the total property valuation of the regional council of government's member cities and towns as
24 may be situated within said county or registry district divided by the total of the county or
25 registry district value according to the most recent equalization and apportionment reported by
26 the commissioner of revenue to the general court pursuant to section 10C of chapter 58. Such
27 funds shall be disbursed and expended for meeting the costs of the operation and maintenance of
28 the regional council of governments, or retained by the regional council of governments for
29 future use.