

HOUSE No. 4064

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 14, 2017.

The committee on Revenue to whom was referred the 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, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4064) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

JAY R. KAUFMAN.

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**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:

1 SECTION 1. Whenever the town of East Bridgewater has conveyed or sold any land or
2 holds a tax title, under chapter 60 of the General Laws, and the land meets the following criteria:

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

5 (2) the instrument effectuating the land transfer is duly recorded in the registry of deeds
6 for the district where the land is situated;

7 (3) the land was or is located on any of the following East Bridgewater assessor's maps:
8 85, 86, 87, 95, 96, 104, 105 or 115;

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

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

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

24 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect 1 year after the effective date of this act.