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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**



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To the Honorable House of Representatives,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Relative to the Issuance of Tax Bills in the Town of Hatfield."

I am filing this special legislation on behalf of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hatfield.

This legislation allows the Town of Hatfield to extend a December 31st deadline for the issuance of its third quarter personal property and real estate tax bills for fiscal year 2018. In 2004, Hatfield adopted a quarterly tax schedule which statutorily prescribes that end-of-year deadline. This measure will support the Town's fiscal management, mitigating the need for short-term borrowing, by still requiring payment of those tax bills within thirty (30) days of mailing notwithstanding the later issuance date.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted

Charles D. Baker,  
*Governor*

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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An Act relative to the issuance of tax bills in the town of Hatfield.

*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 section 57C of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any  
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Hatfield may send out actual real estate  
3 and personal property tax bills for fiscal year 2018 after December 31, which shall be due and  
4 payable 30 days after the date of mailing, after which date if unpaid, they shall become  
5 delinquent.

6           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.