

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 734**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas J. Calter and Viriato M. deMacedo*

*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 registry of deeds recording fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/29/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/29/2017</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>

*David M. Rogers*

*24th Middlesex*

*2/3/2017*

*Richard J. Ross*

*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

*1/23/2017*

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By Representative Calter of Kingston and Senator deMacedo, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 734) of Thomas J. Calter, Viriato M. deMacedo and others relative to county retention of registry of deeds fees. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to registry of deeds recording fees.

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, fees collected  
2 pursuant to the fee structure in place under section 23 of chapter 60 of the General Laws, section  
3 38 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, and section 39 of chapter 262 of the General Laws prior  
4 to March 15, 2003 shall continue to be deposited into the General Fund by the registries of deeds  
5 operated by the Commonwealth pursuant to section 5 of chapter 34B of the General Laws. The  
6 registries of deeds operated by counties shall continue to deposit such fees with the county  
7 treasurer pursuant to section 39 of chapter 36 of the General Laws. Fees collected in excess of  
8 said prior fee structure on or after July 1, 2017 pursuant to section 6 and 51 to 59 of Chapter 4 of  
9 the Acts of 2003, excluding all such fees collected by the registers of deeds which are operated  
10 by counties, shall be deposited into the General Fund of the commonwealth. The registries of  
11 deeds operated by counties shall deposit such fees with the county treasurer pursuant to section  
12 39 of chapter 36 of the General Laws.

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