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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2916

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

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 authorizing the town of Provincetown to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Sarah K. Peake	*4th Barnstable*	*1/18/2023*
Julian Cyr	*Cape and Islands*	*6/20/2023*

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By Representative Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2916) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to impose a real estate transfer fee. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3966* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act authorizing the town of Provincetown to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee.

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. There is hereby imposed a real estate transfer fee equal to 0.5% (half percent, ½%) of the purchase price upon the transfer of any real property interest in any real property situated in the town of Provincetown. Said fee shall be the liability of the purchaser of such property interest, and any agreement between the purchaser and the seller or any other person with reference to the allocation of the responsibility for bearing said fee shall not affect such liability of the purchaser. The fee shall be paid to the town of Provincetown. The first $250,000 collected in each fiscal year shall be deposited in the town's capital improvement stabilization fund. The remaining funds collected each fiscal year shall be deposited into the town's general fund.

SECTION 2. The following transfers of real property interests shall be exempt from the real estate transfer fee:

A. First time homebuyers who live in the home for at least 5 years. A lien shall accompany the deed stating that "There is running with the land a lien equal to the amount of fee exempted, plus accumulated interest and penalties until such time as all conditions of this sub-section are met."

B. Transfers to the government of the U.S., the commonwealth, the town of Provincetown and any of their instrumentalities, agencies or sub-divisions, such as the Provincetown housing authority.

C. Transfers made without additional consideration to confirm, correct, modify or supplement a transfer previously made.

D. Transfers of convenience with consideration under $100.00 which include: name change, into trusts, out of trust, etc.

E. Transfers to any charitable organization as defined in clause third of section five of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any religious organization providing that the real property interests so transferred will be held solely for public charitable or religious purposes.

F. Transfers between family members, marriage partners, parents and children, grandchildren, stepparents and stepchildren, brothers and sisters.

SECTION 3.

A. The fee imposed shall be due at the time of the transfer of the real property interest.

B. The buyer shall pay interest on any unpaid amount of the fee at the rate the town collects on unpaid real estate taxes.

C. The town shall notify a buyer by registered or certified mail of any failure to discharge the amount in full of fee due.

D. All fees and interest required to be paid under this act shall constitute a personal debt of the buyer and may be recovered in an action of contract;

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on passage.