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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman

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 updating the tax treatment of recreational lands in the town of Arlington.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*9/11/2026*
Cindy F. Friedman	*Fourth Middlesex*	*9/11/2026*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*9/14/2026*

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By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5676) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the taxation of recreational lands in the town of Arlington. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act updating the tax treatment of recreational lands in the town of Arlington.

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. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, sections 2, 2A, and 16 of chapter 61B of the General Laws pertaining to the valuation, assessment and taxation of recreational land as defined in said chapter 61B shall not apply in the town of Arlington's assessment or taxation of recreational land after July 1, 2028.

SECTION 2. Beginning on July 1, 2028, landowners shall not submit and the town of Arlington board of assessors shall not allow applications pursuant to sections 3, 5 or 6 of chapter 61B of the General Laws for eligibility for taxation at the rate applicable to recreational land.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to sections 1, 4, 7 to 15, inclusive, 17 and 18 of chapter 61B of the General Laws, including the provisions pertaining to changes in use, taxation upon conveyance and rollback taxes shall continue to apply in full force to land previously assessed or taxed as recreational land under said chapter 61B by the town of Arlington.