

HOUSE No. 5706

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr

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 tax title and tax deferment accounts in the town of Chatham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Hadley Luddy</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>10/21/2026</i>

HOUSE No. 5706

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5706) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to tax title and tax deferment accounts in the town of Chatham. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to tax title and tax deferment accounts in the town of Chatham.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of
2 Chatham may, upon application of a taxpayer of record, consolidate a tax-title account
3 established pursuant to chapter 60 of the General Laws with a tax-deferred account in instances
4 where both accounts exist in force against the same parcel of residential property in the town.

5 (b) Consolidation of a tax-title and tax-deferred account pursuant to subsection (a) shall
6 only be granted to the taxpayer of record for the residential property under consideration by the
7 town of Chatham if: (i) at least 1 resident of the property is disabled or age 65 or older; (ii) the
8 household income, from all sources, of all residents of the property is not more than \$50,000 in
9 total; and (iii) the taxpayer who is liable for the payment has maintained the property as their
10 primary residence for at least 5 years.

11 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 60 of the General Laws [GS3.1] to the
12 contrary, upon the town of Chatham consolidating a tax-title and tax-deferred account pursuant

13 to subsection (a), the amount of all property taxes and accrued interest due to the town shall be
14 subject only to the conditions and requirements of chapter 59 of the General Laws[GS4.1]
15 applicable to the town.

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