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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger***

*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 Belmont.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4575 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act updating the tax treatment of recreational lands in the town of Belmont.

*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 special or general law to the contrary, sections 2,  
2 2A, and 16 of chapter 61B of the General Laws pertaining to the valuation, assessment, and  
3 taxation of recreational land (as defined in that chapter) shall not apply in the Town of Belmont’s  
4 assessment or taxation of recreational land after July 1, 2025.

5 (b) Beginning July 1, 2025, landowners shall not submit, and the Town of Belmont Board  
6 of Assessors shall not allow, applications under sections 3, 5, or 6 of chapter 61B of the General  
7 Laws for eligibility for taxation at the rate applicable to recreational land.

8 (c) The provisions of sections 1, 4, 7-15, and 17-18 of chapter 61B of the General Laws,  
9 including the provisions pertaining to changes in use, taxation upon conveyance, and roll-back  
10 taxes shall continue to apply in full force to land previously assessed or taxed as recreational land  
11 under chapter 61B by the Town of Belmont.