

SENATE No. 3286

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael D. Brady and Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida

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 East Bridgewater to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the town of East Bridgewater for nonpayment of any local charges, fee or fine.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/22/2026</i>

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By Mr. Brady and Mrs. Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3286) of Michael D. Brady and Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of East Bridgewater to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the town of East Bridgewater for nonpayment of any local charges, fee or fine. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of East Bridgewater to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the town of East Bridgewater for nonpayment of any local charges, fee or fine.

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) The town of East Bridgewater may impose a lien on property located
2 within the town for any local charge, fee or fine that has not been paid by the due date. This lien
3 shall be known as a municipal charges lien. For purposes of this act, local charge, fee or fine
4 shall mean any charge, fee or fine imposed by the town under the town by-laws, town
5 regulations, statute or state regulations and any charge, fee or fine imposed by a state court
6 payable to the town as a result of any action initiated by town officials to enforce town by-laws,
7 town regulations, statute or state regulations. (b) A lien authorized under this act shall take effect
8 upon recording of the unpaid municipal charge, fee or fine, by parcel of land and by the name of
9 the property owner assessed for the fine in the registry of deeds of Plymouth county. (c) If a
10 charge, fee or fine, which is secured by a municipal charges lien, remains unpaid when the
11 assessors are preparing a real estate tax list and warrant to be committed section 53 of chapter 59

of the General Laws, then the board or officer in charge of the collection of the municipal charge, fee or fine shall certify such charge, fee or fine to the assessors, who shall add the charge, fee or fine to the tax on the property to which it relates and commit it with the warrant to the collector of taxes as part of the tax. (d) If the property to which such charge, fee or fine relates is tax exempt, the charge, fee or fine shall be committed as the tax. (e) A lien under this section may be discharged by filing in the registry of deeds of Plymouth county, a certificate from the tax collector that all municipal charges, fees or fines constituting the lien, together with any interest and costs thereon, have been paid or legally abated. (f) All costs of recording or discharging a lien under this act shall be borne by the owner of the property. (g) Prior to any lien being imposed for any local charge, fee or fine as defined by this act, a by-law shall be established by a vote of town meeting specifying each type of charge, fee or fine to be collected under this act.

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