

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3991**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Geoff Diehl*

*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 TITLES IN THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Geoff Diehl*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*7th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3991) of Geoff Diehl (by vote of the town) relative to tax titles in the town of East Bridgewater. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TAX TITLES IN THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

*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. Whenever the town of East Bridgewater has conveyed or sold any land or  
2 holds a tax title under chapter 60 of the General Laws,

3 (i) by any instrument in writing, conveying or taking or purporting to convey or take  
4 such land, and

5 (ii) said instrument is duly recorded in the registry of deeds for the district wherein  
6 such land is situated, and

7 (iii) was or is located on any of the following East Bridgewater assessors' maps: 85,  
8 86,87, 95, 96, 104, 105 or 115, and

9 (iv) its description is based upon a plan entitled "Plan of Land Belonging to The  
10 Hanson Land Co. Situated in the Towns of East Bridgewater and Hanson, Mass. By J.C. Torrey  
11 C.E. dated July, 1888," filed on July 18, 1888 at the Plymouth county registry of deeds at plan 1,  
12 page 36, and

13 (v) the notice or procedure for the taking and the sale or conveyance under said  
14 chapter or the instrument of record thereof because of defect, irregularity, or omission fails to  
15 comply in any respect with any requirement of law relating thereto, including a failure by the  
16 town to foreclose the right of redemption,

17 the instrument or record thereof shall, notwithstanding such defects, irregularities or  
18 omissions, be effective for all purposes and shall operate to foreclose all rights of redemption to  
19 the same extent as though such notice or procedure or the instrument of record had originally not  
20 been subject to any such defects, irregularities or omissions, unless an instrument of redemption  
21 has been recorded prior to the effective date of this act.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall only apply to the instruments pertaining to any fiscal years  
23 prior to and including fiscal year 2008 and shall have no effect upon any legal proceeding  
24 commenced before the effective date of this act in the courts of the commonwealth in which a  
25 party has appeared asserting a cause of action claiming the right to redeem.

26 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect one year after the date of its enactment.

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28 November 1, 2012.