

HOUSE No. 1777

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul J. Donato

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 expense.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1777) of Paul J. Donato and others relative to tax title expense on land taken or sold for nonpayment of taxes. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to tax title expense.

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. Section 62 of chapter 60 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “charges”, in line 17, the
3 following words:- , which shall include all legal fees incurred to date.

4 SECTION 2. Section 65 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 placing at the end of the section the following sentence:- A city or town may add all legal fees
6 incurred to date to the tax title account of the land to which the right of redemption is being
7 foreclosed.

8 SECTION 3. Section 79 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
9 striking out, in lines 9, 13, 55 and 65 the words “fifty dollars” and inserting in place thereof, in
10 each instance, the following words:- \$500 or actual costs, whichever is less.