

HOUSE No. 1830

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

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 municipal use of insurance proceeds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1830) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to municipal use of insurance proceeds. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1822 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to municipal use of insurance proceeds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking section 53 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 Section 53. All moneys received by any city, town or district officer or department,
4 except as otherwise provided by special acts and except fees provided for by statute, shall be
5 paid by such officers or department upon their receipt into the city, town or district treasury. Any
6 sums so paid into the city, town or district treasury shall not later be used by such officer or
7 department without specific appropriation thereof; provided, however, that (1) sums allotted by
8 the commonwealth or a county to cities or towns for highway purposes and sums allotted by the
9 commonwealth to cities, towns or districts for water pollution control purposes shall be available
10 therefor without specific appropriation, but shall be used only for the purposes for which the

11 allotment is made or to meet temporary loans issued in anticipation of such allotment as provided
12 in section six or six A, (2) sums not in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars
13 recovered under the terms of fire or physical damage insurance policy and sums not in excess of
14 one hundred and fifty thousand dollars received in restitution for damage done to such city, town
15 or district property may be used by the officer or department having control of the city, town or
16 district property for the restoration or replacement of such property without specific
17 appropriation and (3) sums recovered from pupils in the public schools for loss of school books
18 or paid by pupils for materials used in the industrial arts projects may be used by the school
19 committee for the replacement of such books or materials without specific appropriation.