

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2631**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jay R. Kaufman*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act for local tax transparency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2631) of Jay R. Kaufman and others for legislation to require the Division of Local Services within the Department of Revenue to develop a report by boards of assessors relative to locally assessed taxes. Revenue.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act for local tax transparency.

*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: Notwithstanding any general law to the contrary, the division of local  
2 services of the department of revenue shall develop by December 31, 2013 a report to be  
3 submitted by boards of assessors regarding the exemptions, deferrals or other reductions from  
4 locally assessed taxes that are available to individuals within their cities or towns by special act  
5 or acceptance of a local option.

6 SECTION 2: Notwithstanding any general law to the contrary, the division of local  
7 services of the department of revenue shall review the reports submitted by boards of assessors  
8 and report findings by December 31, 2014 to the secretary of administration and finance, senate  
9 resident, speaker of the house, chairs of house and senate ways and means committees, chairs of  
10 the joint committee on revenue, and members of the general court.

11 SECTION 3: Chapter 196 of the acts of 2008 is hereby repealed.

12 SECTION 4: This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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