

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3797**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Durant and Richard T. Moore***

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*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:

An Act authorizing the town of Dudley to grant property tax abatements to resident National Guardsmen and reservists who are serving on active duty in a foreign country.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Peter J. Durant*

*6th Worcester*

*Richard T. Moore*

*Worcester and Norfolk*

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By Representative Durant of Spencer and Senator Richard T. Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3797) of Peter J. Durant and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Dudley be authorized to grant property tax abatements to residents who are in the military and serving on active duty in a foreign country. Veterans and Federal Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act authorizing the town of Dudley to grant property tax abatements to resident National Guardsmen and reservists who are serving on active duty in a foreign country.

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

1 Notwithstanding any special or general laws to the contrary, the Dudley board of  
2 Assessors is authorized to grant, starting in fiscal year of 2015 real and personal property tax  
3 abatements, up to 100% of the total tax assessed, to our “citizen soldiers” of the Massachusetts  
4 national Guard and reservists on active duty and serving in foreign countries, subject to  
5 eligibility criteria developed by the Board of Assessors. The authority to grant abatements under  
6 this act shall expire after Fiscal year 2005, unless specifically extended by a vote of the Dudley  
7 Board of Selectmen. Further, the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form  
8 only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment  
9 by the General court, and further to authorize the Board of selectmen to approve amendments  
10 which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.