

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2396**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act clarifying municipal authority regarding cash sureties.

*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 127I of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a municipality may, by  
4 ordinance or by-law, require an entity to provide a cash surety in an amount not to exceed  
5 \$10,000 on vacant property that the entity has the lawful ability to enter upon and control when  
6 that entity is foreclosing or has foreclosed upon the property.