

HOUSE No. 1486

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 tax title expense.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1486) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to the recovery of legal fees incurred by municipalities on property in foreclosure. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3495 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “charges”, in line 18, 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 striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- A city or
6 town may add all legal fees incurred to date to the tax title account of the land to which the right
7 of redemption is being foreclosed.

8 SECTION 3. Section 79 of said chapter 60, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
9 striking out, in lines 9, 12, 52 and 61 the words “fifty dollars” and inserting in place thereof, in
10 each instance, the following words:- \$500 or actual costs, whichever is less,.