

HOUSE No. 1499

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler and Viriato M. deMacedo

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 deeds excise receipts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Representative Cutler of Duxbury and Senator deMacedo, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1499) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to deeds excise receipts. Revenue.

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

An Act relative to deeds excise receipts.

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. Chapter 64D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 Section 1 the following section:-

3 Section 1A. (a) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the
4 Counties of Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk and Plymouth shall retain twenty percent of all
5 deeds excise receipts received on or after July 1, 2017, in addition to the amounts of deeds excise
6 receipts retained by said counties pursuant to any other statute or regulation. Such funds shall be
7 deposited to the General Fund of the County, and shall be disbursed and expended for meeting
8 the costs of the operation and maintenance of the county, or retained by the County for such
9 future use.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the County of
11 Barnstable shall retain seven and one-half percent of all deeds excise receipts received pursuant
12 to this chapter on or after July 1, 2017, in addition to the amounts of deeds excise receipts

13 retained by said county pursuant to any other statute or regulation. Such funds shall be deposited
14 to the General Fund of the County, and shall be disbursed and expended for meeting the costs of
15 the operation and maintenance of the county, or retained by the County for such future use.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 64D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
17 Section 11 the following section:-

18 Section 11A. Each register of deeds in whose county or registry district a regional council
19 of governments has been established under Section 567 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996 or
20 under Section 20 of Chapter 34B of the General Laws shall on or before the tenth day of the
21 month transmit to the treasury of said regional council of governments that portion of twenty
22 percent of deeds excise receipts received during the preceding calendar month as represents the
23 quotient of the total property valuation of the regional council of government's member cities
24 and towns as may be situated within said county or registry district divided by the total of the
25 county or registry district value according to the most recent equalization and apportionment
26 reported by the commissioner of revenue to the general court pursuant to section ten C of chapter
27 fifty-eight. Such funds shall be disbursed and expended for meeting the costs of the operation
28 and maintenance of the regional council of governments, or retained by the regional council of
29 governments for future use.

30 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.