

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2655**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*William M. Straus*

*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 the separation of cranberry bogs from agricultural use for renewable energy purposes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2655) of William M. Straus and Keiko M. Orrall for legislation to exempts portions of cranberry bogs set aside for renewable energy purposes from certain taxes. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the separation of cranberry bogs from agricultural use for renewable energy purposes.

*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 17 of chapter 61A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

3           "provided, land which is valued, assessed and taxed under this chapter is separated for a  
4 renewable energy use rather than an agricultural and horticultural use shall not be subject to  
5 liability for conveyance or roll-back taxes under this section."