

HOUSE No. 4232

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 5, 2016.

The committee on Revenue to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1503) of John F. Keenan, Garrett J. Bradley, Robert M. Koczera, Angelo L. D'Emilia and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to deeds excise receipts, recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4232) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JAY R. KAUFMAN.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after 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 20 per cent of all deeds
5 excise receipts received on or after July 1, 2016, 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 7.5 per cent of all deeds excise receipts received pursuant to this chapter
12 on or after July 1, 2016, in addition to the amounts of deeds excise receipts retained by said
13 county pursuant to any other statute or regulation. Such funds shall be deposited to the General

14 Fund of the county, and shall be disbursed and expended for meeting the costs of the operation
15 and maintenance of the county, or retained by the county for such future use.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 64D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further
17 amended by inserting after section 11 the following section:-

18 Section 11A. The register of deeds of a county or registry district in which a regional
19 council of governments has been established under section 567 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1996
20 or 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 20 per
22 cent of deeds excise receipts received during the preceding calendar month which 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 under section 10 of chapter 58 of
27 the General Laws. Such funds shall be disbursed and expended for meeting the costs of the
28 operation and maintenance of the regional council of governments, or retained by the regional
29 council of governments for future use.

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