

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 764**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Josh S. Cutler*

*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 escheat.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 764) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to deposits of property with persons having residences or places of business in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to escheat.

*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 3 of Chapter 200A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby stricken and  
2 replaced by the following :-

3 Section 3. Any deposit of property with a person having a residence or place of business  
4 in the commonwealth, or authorized to do business therein, together with the increments thereon,  
5 shall be presumed abandoned unless the owner has, within three years next preceding the date as  
6 of which reports are required by section seven:—

7 (1) Communicated in writing with the person concerning the deposit; or

8 (2) Been credited with interest on a passbook or certificate of deposit at his request; or

9 (3) Had any transfer, disposition of interest or other transaction noted of record in the  
10 books or records of the person; or

11 (4) Increased or decreased the amount of deposit; or

- 12 (5) Electronically logged in or accessed a password protected account; or
- 13 (6) Owned other property for which clause (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) is applicable; or
- 14 (7) Had another relationship with the holder concerning which the owner has:
- 15 (i) communicated in writing with the holder, or
- 16 (ii) otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum on file prepared by an
- 17 employee of the holder; provided, however, that if the holder communicates in writing with the
- 18 owner with regard to the property that would otherwise be presumed abandoned under this
- 19 section at the address at which communications regarding the other relationship regularly are
- 20 received.