

SENATE No. 2575

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Templeton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2575) of Anne M. Gobi, Joanne M. Comerford, Susannah M. Whipps and Jonathan D. Zlotnik (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Templeton. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local approval received]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Templeton.

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. (a) Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Templeton may establish a special fund
3 for the deposit of any proceeds to the town of Templeton from funds recaptured through
4 demolition liens and state or federal grants or local appropriations for such purpose after
5 December 31, 2021. Interest earned on the fund shall be treated as general fund revenue for the
6 town. Any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall carry over to the next fiscal year
7 and thereafter if not then expended for the purposes set forth in this act.

8 (b) Proceeds from the fund shall be used at the discretion of the Select Board without
9 further appropriation to secure, clear, make safe or demolish, together with any associated costs,
10 residential or mixed-use properties considered unsafe, dangerous, or unfit for human habitation

11 under applicable building or health codes. Expenditures shall not be made and liabilities shall not
12 be incurred in excess of the balance of the fund.

13 The town administrator shall annually report to the Select Board on the total amount of
14 receipts and expenditures for the fund for the prior fiscal year and for the current fiscal year
15 through December 31 or such later date as the Select Board may, by vote, determine, together
16 with such other information as the Select Board may, by vote, require.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.