

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald Mariano

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to eliminate duplicate payments for the PILOT program in the Quabbin Reservoir under
MGL CAAP 59, Section 56.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3023 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATE PAYMENTS FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE
QUABBIN RESERVOIR UNDER MGL CAAP 59, SECTION 56.**

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary the
2 Massachusetts Water Resource Authority is not responsible for duplicated PILOT payments to
3 annexed land.
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5 Chapter 59: Section 5G of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the following: “The
6 Massachusetts Water Resources Authority on July first of each year, shall pay over to the said
7 division of watershed management, an amount to be held in trust for payments in lieu of taxes to
8 the towns of Belchertown, Hardwick, New Salem, Pelham, Petersham and Ware for watershed
9 lands of the Quabbin Reservation which were included in the former towns of Dana, Greenwich,
10 Enfield, and Prescott. Said amounts to be held in trust as payments in lieu of taxes shall be made
11 only on lands which are above the high water mark of the total acreage in question that is held by

12 each community; provided however, that the sum of said payments shall not be less than fifty
13 thousand dollars annually, and shall be valued in accordance with the provisions of sections
14 thirteen to seventeen, inclusive, of chapter first-eight. In no event shall any city or town received
15 from the metropolitan district commission in the prior fiscal year.