

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2907

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 6, 1955.

The committee on Taxation to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 758) of Amelio A. Della Chiesa for payment to cities and towns of certain sums due them as reimbursement for loss of taxes on state-owned lands for certain years; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 763) of Isaac A. Hodgen for the payment from the state treasury to certain cities and towns of amounts due them as reimbursement for loss of taxes on state-owned land; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 978) of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association that the State Treasurer be authorized to reimburse certain cities and towns for loss of taxes on state-owned lands, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2907).

For the committee,

EDWIN D. GORMAN.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REIMBURSEMENT TO CERTAIN  
CITIES AND TOWNS OF SUMS DUE THEM AS REIMBURSE-  
MENT FOR LOSS OF TAXES ON STATE OWNED LANDS.

*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. There shall be paid, without further ap-  
2 propriation, from the General Fund, to the cities and  
3 towns named in the following schedule for the years  
4 indicated, the amounts therein set forth, the same being  
5 balances of amounts heretofore determined by the com-  
6 missioner of corporations and taxation to be payable  
7 pursuant to the provisions of sections thirteen to seven-  
8 teen, inclusive, of chapter fifty-eight of the General  
9 Laws, and remaining unpaid: —

|                       | 1950.     | 1951.     | 1952.     | 1953.     | Total.     |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Adams . . . . .       | \$662 40  | \$702 75  | \$723 75  | \$756 30  | \$2,845 20 |
| Attleboro . . . . .   | 194 30    | 206 14    | 212 30    | 221 85    | 834 59     |
| Amherst . . . . .     | 6,712 32  | 7,121 20  | 7,334 00  | 7,663 84  | 28,831 36  |
| Boston . . . . .      | 38,591 43 | 40,942 22 | 42,165 68 | 39,080 55 | 160,779 88 |
| Bridgewater . . . . . | 2,318 40  | 2,459 63  | 2,533 13  | 2,647 05  | 9,958 21   |
| Brockton . . . . .    | 357 70    | 379 48    | 390 83    | 408 40    | 1,536 41   |
| Cambridge . . . . .   | 3,422 40  | 3,630 87  | 3,739 37  | 3,907 55  | 14,700 19  |
| Chelsea . . . . .     | 666 82    | 707 44    | 728 58    | 761 34    | 2,864 18   |
| Clinton . . . . .     | 132 48    | 140 55    | 144 75    | 151 26    | 569 04     |
| Concord . . . . .     | 88 32     | 93 70     | 96 50     | 100 84    | 379 36     |
| Edgartown . . . . .   | 22 08     | 23 43     | 24 13     | 25 21     | 94 85      |
| Everett . . . . .     | 331 20    | 351 37    | 361 88    | 378 15    | 1,422 60   |
| Fall River . . . . .  | 2,821 83  | 2,993 72  | 3,083 18  | 2,349 58  | 11,248 31  |
| Fitchburg . . . . .   | 4,416 00  | 4,685 00  | 4,825 00  | 4,026 20  | 17,952 20  |
| Framingham . . . . .  | 5,285 95  | 5,612 63  | 5,780 35  | 3,872 25  | 20,551 18  |
| Gloucester . . . . .  | 291 46    | 309 21    | 318 45    | 332 77    | 1,251 89   |
| Greenfield . . . . .  | 132 48    | 140 55    | 144 75    | 151 26    | 569 04     |
| Haverhill . . . . .   | 450 43    | 477 87    | 492 15    | 514 28    | 1,934 73   |
| Hingham . . . . .     | 132 48    | 140 55    | 144 75    | 151 26    | 569 04     |
| Holyoke . . . . .     | 671 23    | 712 12    | 733 40    | 766 38    | 2,883 13   |
| Hudson . . . . .      | 88 32     | 93 70     | 96 50     | 100 84    | 379 36     |

|                       | 1950.        | 1951.        | 1952.        | 1953.        | Total.       |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lawrence . . . . .    | \$627 07     | \$665 27     | \$685 15     | \$715 96     | \$2,693 45   |
| Lowell . . . . .      | 12,885 88    | 13,675 51    | 14,084 18    | 7,638 63     | 48,284 20    |
| Lynn . . . . .        | 697 72       | 740 23       | 762 35       | 796 64       | 2,996 94     |
| Malden . . . . .      | 331 20       | 351 37       | 361 87       | 378 15       | 1,422 59     |
| Marlborough . . . . . | 172 22       | 182 72       | 188 17       | 196 63       | 739 74       |
| Methuen . . . . .     | 132 48       | 140 55       | 144 75       | 151 26       | 569 04       |
| Milford . . . . .     | 441 60       | 468 50       | 482 50       | 504 20       | 1,896 80     |
| Natick . . . . .      | 1,311 55     | 1,391 45     | 1,433 02     | 378 15       | 4,514 17     |
| New Bedford . . . . . | 1,567 68     | 1,663 18     | 1,712 88     | 1,346 22     | 6,289 96     |
| Newton . . . . .      | 728 64       | 773 03       | 796 12       | 831 93       | 3,129 72     |
| North Adams . . . . . | 1,104 00     | 1,161 25     | 1,206 25     | 857 14       | 4,328 64     |
| Northampton . . . . . | 176 64       | 187 40       | 193 00       | 201 68       | 758 72       |
| Norton . . . . .      | 441 60       | 468 50       | 482 50       | 504 20       | 1,896 80     |
| Norwood . . . . .     | 755 14       | 801 14       | 825 08       | 862 18       | 3,243 54     |
| Oak Bluffs . . . . .  | 225 22       | 238 94       | 246 08       | 257 14       | 967 38       |
| Orange . . . . .      | 88 32        | 93 70        | 96 50        | 100 84       | 379 36       |
| Pittsfield . . . . .  | 317 95       | 337 32       | 347 40       | 363 02       | 1,365 69     |
| Plymouth . . . . .    | 309 12       | 327 95       | 337 75       | 352 94       | 1,327 76     |
| Quincy . . . . .      | 971 52       | 1,030 70     | 1,061 50     | 1,109 24     | 4,172 96     |
| Salem . . . . .       | 1,916 55     | 2,033 29     | 2,094 05     | 1,492 44     | 7,536 33     |
| Sandwich . . . . .    | 507 84       | 538 78       | 554 88       | 579 83       | 2,181 33     |
| Somerville . . . . .  | 883 20       | 937 00       | 965 00       | 1,008 40     | 3,793 60     |
| Springfield . . . . . | 1,002 43     | 1,063 50     | 1,095 28     | 1,144 53     | 4,305 74     |
| Stoneham . . . . .    | 1,872 38     | 1,986 44     | 2,045 81     | 1,305 88     | 7,210 51     |
| Taunton . . . . .     | 6,897 80     | 7,317 97     | 7,536 65     | 4,114 27     | 25,866 69    |
| Wakefield . . . . .   | 796 96       | 866 73       | 892 63       | 781 51       | 3,337 83     |
| Waltham . . . . .     | 185 47       | 196 77       | 202 65       | 211 76       | 796 65       |
| Westfield . . . . .   | 1,368 96     | 1,452 35     | 1,495 75     | 957 98       | 5,275 04     |
| Woburn . . . . .      | 662 40       | 702 75       | 723 75       | 756 30       | 2,845 20     |
| Worcester . . . . .   | 4,053 88     | 4,300 84     | 4,429 35     | 3,322 68     | 16,106 75    |
| Total . . . . .       | \$111,223 45 | \$118,019 26 | \$121,556 28 | \$101,588 89 | \$452,387 88 |

1 SECTION 2. Section 13 of chapter 58 of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section 9 of chapter  
3 654 of the acts of 1953, is hereby further amended by  
4 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
5 thereof the following sentence:—In nineteen hundred  
6 and fifty-five, and in every fifth year thereafter, the  
7 commission shall, between January first and June first,  
8 determine as of January first the fair cash value of all  
9 land in every town owned by the commonwealth and  
10 used for the purposes of a fish hatchery, game preserve  
11 or wild life sanctuary, a state military camp ground, the  
12 Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, the Soldiers' Home in Holy-  
13 oke, a state forest, or a public institution under the de-  
14 partment of correction, the department of education,



15 the department of mental health, the department of pub-  
 16 lic health, the department of public welfare, or the  
 17 youth service board, and of all land owned by the com-  
 18 monwealth and under the care and control of the de-  
 19 partment of natural resources and used for recreational  
 20 or conservation purposes, and of all land under the care  
 21 and control of the division of public beaches in the  
 22 department of public works, and of all land held by  
 23 county commissioners for hospital purposes under sec-  
 24 tions seventy-eight to ninety, inclusive, of chapter one  
 25 hundred and eleven.

1 SECTION 3. On or before November twentieth, nine-  
 2 teen hundred and fifty-five, the state treasurer shall,  
 3 subject to appropriation from the General Fund, pay to  
 4 the various cities and towns the amounts set forth in the  
 5 following schedule as reimbursement for loss of taxes on  
 6 state-owned lands under the provisions of sections  
 7 thirteen to seventeen, inclusive, of chapter fifty-eight of  
 8 the General Laws.

|                        | 1954.              | 1955.              | Total.             |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Amherst . . . . .      | \$7,882 72         | \$8,112 24         | \$15,994 96        |
| Boston . . . . .       | 5,123 77           | 5,272 96           | 10,396 73          |
| Bridgewater . . . . .  | 2,722 65           | 2,801 93           | 5,524 58           |
| Edgartown . . . . .    | 25 93              | 26 69              | 52 62              |
| Fall River . . . . .   | 897 18             | 923 30             | 1,820 48           |
| Fitchburg . . . . .    | 2,074 40           | 2,134 80           | 4,209 20           |
| Framingham . . . . .   | 1,981 05           | 2,038 73           | 4,019 78           |
| Holyoke . . . . .      | 140 02             | 144 10             | 284 12             |
| Lowell . . . . .       | 7,281 14           | 7,493 15           | 14,774 29          |
| Natick . . . . .       | 280 04             | 288 20             | 568 24             |
| New Bedford . . . . .  | 456 37             | 469 66             | 926 03             |
| North Adams . . . . .  | 414 88             | 426 96             | 841 84             |
| Norton . . . . .       | 518 60             | 533 70             | 1,052 30           |
| Oak Bluffs . . . . .   | 264 49             | 272 19             | 536 68             |
| Salem . . . . .        | 715 67             | 736 51             | 1,452 18           |
| Sandwich . . . . .     | 596 39             | 613 76             | 1,210 15           |
| Stoneham . . . . .     | 855 69             | 880 61             | 1,736 30           |
| Taunton . . . . .      | 3,868 76           | 3,981 40           | 7,850 16           |
| Wakefield . . . . .    | 155 58             | 160 11             | 315 69             |
| Westfield . . . . .    | 622 32             | 640 44             | 1,262 76           |
| Worcester . . . . .    | 1,343 17           | 1,382 28           | 2,725 45           |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b> | <b>\$38,220 82</b> | <b>\$39,333 72</b> | <b>\$77,554 54</b> |