

HOUSE No. 1632

By Mr. Peck of Dartmouth, petition of Raymond S. Peck that cities and towns be granted the option of purchasing tax exempt property upon the sale of such property. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT REQUIRING OWNERS OF TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY TO GIVE THE CITY OR TOWN IN WHICH SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED FIRST OPTION IN THE EVENT OF SALE OF SUCH PROPERTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 after section 5A the following section: —

3 *Section 5B.* If any person, organization, corporation or
4 institution owning property that is exempt from local property
5 tax as provided in section five of chapter fifty-nine sells such
6 property, the city or town in which the property is located shall
7 have a first option to purchase such property.

8 The city or town in which such property is located shall have
9 ninety days from the date of notice of intent to sell in which to
10 exercise such option. Any sale of the property to someone other
11 than the city or town within this ninety day period shall be
12 voidable unless a written notice of refusal is received from the
13 city or town.

HOUSE No 1 633

It is the duty of the House to ensure that the Government is held accountable for its actions. This is done through the various powers of the House, including the power of the purse, the power of oversight, and the power of impeachment.

The Importance of the House
in the American Government

The House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the United States Congress. It is the only chamber that is elected directly by the people. The House has 435 members, and each member represents a certain number of people in their respective state.

The House has several important powers, including the power to initiate and pass legislation, the power to impeach and remove federal officials, and the power to elect and remove members of the Supreme Court.

The House also has the power to control the federal purse strings. This means that the House must pass any bill that appropriates money for the federal government. This power is a check on the executive branch, as the President cannot spend money without the House's approval.

The House has a long history of representing the interests of the people. It has been a forum for debate and discussion, and it has played a key role in the development of the United States. The House is a vital part of our democratic system, and it is important that we continue to support its independence and effectiveness.

The House of Representatives is a powerful institution that has shaped the course of American history. It is a place where the voices of the people are heard, and where the interests of the nation are defended. The House is a source of pride and honor for all Americans, and it is our duty to support it and to ensure that it continues to serve the people for generations to come.