

HOUSE No. 565

By Mr. Buglione of Methuen, petition of Nicholas J. Buglione that religious organizations be required to offer tax exempt real property to the city or town in which it is situated before selling such property. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT REQUIRING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO OFFER TAX EXEMPT REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OR TOWN IN WHICH IT IS SITUATED BEFORE SELLING SAME.

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 inserting
2 after section 5F the following section:—

3 *Section 5G.* No religious organization owning real property
4 which is exempt from taxation under the provisions which is
5 exempt from taxation under the provisions of section 5 shall sell
6 same unless it first offers to sell said property to the city or town in
7 which it is situated at is fair market value and said offer is refused.

