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By Mr. Moakley, a petition of Francis N. Cuddy for legislation relative to the record or registration of deeds without stamps required by the law imposing an excise on deeds, instruments and writings. Taxation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORD OR REGISTRATION OF DEEDS WITHOUT STAMPS REQUIRED BY THE LAW IMPOSING AN EXCISE ON DEEDS, INSTRUMENTS AND WRITINGS.

*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 64D of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 2 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 2A.* Whoever presents or causes to be presented to
- 4 a register of deeds for record or registration an original deed,
- 5 instrument or writing without the stamps required by this
- 6 chapter affixed thereto or to the vellum, parchment or paper
- 7 upon which it is written or printed or so presents or causes to
- 8 be presented a duplicate deed, instrument or writing without
- 9 first having so presented or caused to be presented to a register
- 10 of deeds the original thereof shall be subject to such penalty,
- 11 not exceeding one thousand dollars, as the commissioner may
- 12 determine. Such penalty shall be payable upon notice from
- 13 the commissioner and shall be collected in the same manner
- 14 as the excise imposed by this chapter. For good and sufficient
- 15 cause, the commissioner may abate such penalty in whole or
- 16 in part. The validity of a deed, instrument or writing or of
- 17 its recording or registration shall not be impaired by the
- 18 presentation of the original or a duplicate thereof as set forth
- 19 in this section.

