

HOUSE No. 1484

By Mr. Brownell of Quincy, petition of Thomas F. Brownell for legislation to expedite foreclosure on tax delinquents owing more than five thousand dollars. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT SPEEDING UP FORECLOSURE ON TAX DELINQUENTS OWING MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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. Chapter 65 of the General Laws as most recently
2 amended by Section 5 of Chapter 716 of the acts of 1973 is hereby
3 amended by striking out the first sentence thereof and inserting in
4 its place the following sentence: —

5 Except as provided in Section 62, whoever then holds the title to
6 land acquired by a sale or taking of taxes may bring a petition in
7 the land court for the foreclosure of all rights of redemption of said
8 land after six months from the sale or taking except that if the
9 amount of the tax title account is \$5,000 or more a petition for
10 foreclosure of all rights of redemption may be filed after 30 days
11 from the sale or taking, or in case of a city or town, a petition for
12 foreclosure of all rights of redemption may be filed at any time
13 following the sale or taking if the buildings thereon have
14 been found to be abandoned property pursuant to Section 81A,
15 provided, however, a petition for the foreclosure of all rights of
16 redemption may be filed at any time following the consent in
17 writing of the record owner.

1 SECTION 2. Section 66 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out in the first sentence thereof the
3 word "forthwith" and inserting in its place the phrase "within
4 thirty days."

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be applicable only
2 in the case of land purchased or taken under a tax title or on after
3 the date of enactment.