

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 146

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By Ms. Atkins of Concord, petition of Cory Atkins and others relative to the sale of property of charitable organizations in cities and towns. Community Development and Small Business.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PETITION OF:

Cory Atkins  
Barbara A. L'Italien

Denise Provost  
Alice K. Wolf

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF PROPERTY IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*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 180 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding section 8A after the following section(s):—  
3 Section 8B. Any corporation as defined in this chapter shall pro-  
4 vide the city or town in which it is located a right of first refusal  
5 upon the sale, lease, exchange or other dispositions of its property or  
6 its assets.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law to the contrary, no private school or church shall sell,  
3 lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of its property or its assets  
4 without first providing a right of first refusal to the city or town in  
5 which it is located.