

HOUSE No. 1784

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:
Steven M. Walsh

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:
An Act requiring a cleanup of Brownfield sites taken by eminent domain.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1767 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT REQUIRING A CLEANUP OF BROWNFIELD SITES TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN.

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

Chapter 79 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 5C the following section:-

Chapter 79: Section 5D. Brownfields.

Section 5D. If a parcel of land taken by eminent domain is considered a brownfields project site, as defined in Chapter 23G, Section 29A, the original owner of the land is responsible for environmental cleanup action and environmental site assessment, also defined in Chapter 23G, Section 29A.