General Assembly **Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **7122** File No. 569 Cal. No. 475

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC GOLF COURSES AS OPEN SPACE."

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2007*) Any municipality may, upon approval by its legislative body, or in any town in which the legislative body is a town meeting, by the board of selectmen, abate all or a portion of the property taxes due on public golf course land for any tax year. For the purposes of this section, "public golf course land" means any golf course consisting of not less than twenty-five acres of land that is open for use by the public for golfing, derives at least fifty per cent of its annual revenues from daily fees or group outings and consists of not less than nine golf holes.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) *(Effective from passage)* Any municipality may, upon
14 approval by its legislative body, or in any town in which the legislative
15 body is a town meeting, by the board of selectmen, impose a buyer's
16 tax on the conveyance of public golf course land, as defined in section
17 1 of this act, if the seller of such land has received an abatement of
18 property taxes in accordance with an ordinance adopted by such
19 municipality pursuant to section 1 of this act. The proceeds of such tax
20 shall be retained by the municipality."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2007, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2007*	New section
Sec. 2	*from passage*	New section