

AN ACT PROTECTING THE COMMONWEALTH FROM NATURAL
DISASTERS OR EMERGENCIES THAT THREATEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH
OR SAFETY OF ITS CITIZENS.

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

SECTION 1. Item 1599-2005 of section 2A of chapter 81 of the acts of 2005 is hereby amended by inserting after the date “November 22, 2006”, as appearing in section 38 of chapter 61 of the acts of 2007, the following words:- “; provided further, that upon the approval of the secretary of administration and finance, funds may be expended from this item to address other natural disasters or emergencies that threaten the public health or safety of the citizens of the commonwealth”.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding sections 2A, 18 and 38 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the board of assessors of the town of Uxbridge shall determine the assessed valuation of any real estate and personal property damaged or destroyed by the Bernat Mills fire on July 21, 2007 immediately after the fire, and this valuation shall be considered the assessed valuation of the property as of January 1, 2007 for purposes of assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007. No real property valued and taxed under this section shall be subject to any assessment under section 2D of chapter 59 for that fiscal year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.