

HOUSE No. 1720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for transfers of land in Westfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

John C. Velis

4th Hampden

Donald F. Humason, Jr.

Second Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1720) of John C. Velis and Donald F. Humason, Jr. that the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of land in the city of Westfield to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for construction purposes. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2840 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act providing for transfers of land in Westfield.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and maintenance, in consultation
3 with the Chief Medical Examiner and the Commissioner of the Department Of Public Health,
4 may transfer to the Chief Medical Examiner a parcel of land and improvements thereon and
5 easements appurtenant thereto in the city of Westfield to the office of the chief medical examiner
6 for the construction of a regional facility for the use of the Chief Medical Examiner. The parcel
7 is currently in the care and control of the Department of Public Health and is located on the
8 westerly side of East Mountain Road north of the Western Massachusetts hospital. The parcel
9 contains approximately 7.7 acres of land and is improved with a storage building having an

10 address of 240 East Mountain Road. The exact boundaries of the parcel and any appurtenant
11 easements shall be determined by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
12 based on a final survey. The transfer agreement may provide that the existing storage building
13 and other buildings on the parcel may continue to be used by the Department of Public Health
14 until they are no longer needed by said department.

15 SECTION 2. Upon construction of the regional facility referenced in section 1, the
16 Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance may assume the control and supervision
17 of the management, repair, and maintenance operations of the facility and other improvements to
18 the extent agreed upon between the Commissioner and the Chief Medical Examiner, with the
19 approval of the Secretary of Administration and Finance. Upon approval of any such agreement,
20 the Secretary of Administration and Finance shall forthwith file a written notice with the
21 Comptroller and the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, specifying the scope of
22 the authority so granted to the Division and the duration thereof. Where the Commissioner has
23 assumed such control and supervision, the Commissioner shall make quarterly reports to the
24 Secretary of Administration and Finance on the status of such maintenance, management and
25 repair operations so assumed.

26 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
27 Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, in consultation
28 with the Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services and the Commissioner of the
29 Department of Public Health, may transfer from the Department of Public Health to the
30 Department of Youth Services a parcel of land for the use of the Department of Youth Services.
31 The parcel is located on the easterly side of East Mountain Road at the intersection of Springfield
32 road in the City of Westfield. Said parcel consists of approximately 3.6± acres of land and is

33 improved with the facility known as the Hampden County Secure Detention Facility which is
34 being used by the Department of Youth Services. The boundaries of said parcel shall be
35 determined by the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
36 based on a survey.

37 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
38 Commissioner of the Division Of Capital Asset Management And Maintenance, in consultation
39 with the Commissioner of the Department Of Youth Services and the Commissioner of the
40 Department Of Public Health, may transfer from the Department Of Youth Services to the
41 Department Of Public Health an unimproved parcel of land in the City of Westfield consisting
42 of approximately 3.0± acres adjacent to the easterly boundary of the parcel described in section 3
43 and adjacent to the southerly side of property of the Western Massachusetts hospital. The parcel
44 shall be used for public health purposes. The boundaries of said parcel shall be determined by
45 the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance based on a
46 survey.