

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2742**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jay D. Livingstone***

*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 authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in land for the benefit of the State House grounds and property appurtenant thereto.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                     | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                  |
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| <i>Jay D. Livingstone</i> | <i>8th Suffolk</i>                 |
| <i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>  | <i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>     | <i>9th Hampden</i>                 |

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By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2742) of Jay D. Livingstone, Joseph A. Boncore and José F. Tosado relative to authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in land for the benefit of the State House grounds and property appurtenant thereto. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in land for the benefit of the State House grounds and property appurtenant thereto.

*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. (a) Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the  
2 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the governor may, in  
3 consultation with the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and  
4 maintenance, the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation the  
5 superintendent of the state police and the Massachusetts historical commission, convey to the  
6 owners of estates abutting on the land acquired by the commonwealth pursuant to chapter 256 of  
7 the Acts of 1915 and chapter 250 of the acts of 1916 a portion of the land acquired by the  
8 commonwealth pursuant to chapter 256 of the Acts of 1915 and chapter 250 of the acts of 1916  
9 permanent easements or such lesser interests as the governor may determine for the purposes of  
10 using, maintaining and repairing existing walls, existing cornices, and existing decorative  
11 balconies and minor existing encroachments onto state house property that are appurtenant to

12 existing buildings. Such easements may be granted for nominal consideration and shall be  
13 subject to such terms and conditions as the governor may determine.

14 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the grantee shall  
15 be responsible for all costs and expenses, including but not limited to, costs associated with any  
16 engineering, surveys, appraisals, and deed preparation related to the leases and any amendment  
17 thereto or conveyances authorized pursuant to this act as such costs may be determined by the  
18 governor for the development, maintenance, use and operation of any easement granted pursuant  
19 to section 1.