HOUSE No. 2962

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

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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 relative to the development of underused state owned property and the disposition of state owned surplus real property.

PETITION OF:

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERUSED STATE OWNED PROPERTY AND THE DISPOSITION OF STATE OWNED SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY.

Whereas, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make to authorize the development of underused state owned real property and the disposition of certain surplus real property, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as
 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-
- 3 Section 1. As used in this chapter the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise,
- 4 have the following meanings:-
- 5 "Commissioner", the commissioner of administration.
- 6 "Eligibility", written criteria established before a request for applications that are used to determine if an
- 7 application for an award of grant program resources is acceptable.
- 8 "Finance committee", the committee of the executive council appointed to consider matters of finance.
- 9 "Grant program", financial or technical assistance provided by a state agency or state authority, as defined
- 10 in section 1 of chapter 29, available to a city, town or other public or private entity otherwise eligible.

- 11 "Grant program fiscal statement", shall include: (1) a description of the substance of the application; (2)
- 12 the average expected grant amount; (3) a listing of award recipients, including the award amount, if any,
- 13 the fiscal year of the award and the date of award; (4) the estimated proportion of monies, in-kind match
- 14 or other monies to be supplied by the award recipient and any other source from which such match will be
- 15 required; (5) a description of the allocation formula and matching requirements, including whether the
- 16 grant is distributed on the basis of a specified formula or at the grantor's discretion; (6) a description of
- 17 any constraints placed on the use of the grant; and (7) contact information, including the telephone
- 18 number, postal address and internet email address to facilitate the application process.
- 19 "Grant program reference", a description in electronic format that is retrievable and printable that shall
- include: (1) the grant program application; (2) the grant program eligibility criteria; (3) the application
- 21 due date; and (4) the grant program fiscal statement.

For the purposes of sections 39B to 43J, inclusive, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

- 24 "Affordable housing", housing that is affordable for rental or purchase by families or individuals whose
- income at initial occupancy is equal to or less than 100 per cent of the median area income as determined
 by the United States secretary of housing and urban development for federal housing programs.
- 27 "Agency", the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, a body politic and corporate entity
- established by section 2 of chapter 23G.
- 29 "Commissioner", the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance.
- 30 "Committee", the state surplus land coordinating committee established pursuant to section 40F.
- 31 "Direct public use", use of real property by a governmental or quasi-governmental entity including, but
- 32 not limited to, the commonwealth, any municipality within the commonwealth, or any authority or district
- 33 within the commonwealth, or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and, with respect to any use of
- real property by a private non-profit organization, any use of the real property for affordable housing
- 35 production, community economic development, historic preservation or for open space acquisition or
- 36 preservation.
- "Host municipality", the municipality or municipalities within which state owned real property conveyed,leased or otherwise transferred pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is located.
- 39 "Net cash proceeds", all payments paid to the commonwealth as and when paid, less any transaction-
- 40 related expenses incurred by the division of capital asset management and maintenance, the
- 41 Massachusetts Development Finance Agency and the regional planning agency for which it is not

- 42 otherwise reimbursed, including, but not limited to, costs associated with the disposal or pre-development
- 43 of the real property wherefrom the funds originated including, but not limited to, appraisals, surveys, site
- 44 evaluation, site preparation, plans, recordings, smart growth review and feasibility and other marketing
- 45 studies and any other expenses relating to the disposal or project management services in connection with
- 46 any reuse or redevelopment of the real property pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, and less any
- 47 amounts that may be owing to the federal government as a result of the disposition.
- 48 "Real property", as defined in section 39A.
- 49 "State agency", as defined in said section 39A.
- 50 "Surplus real property", real property of the commonwealth: (1) previously determined to be surplus to

51 current and foreseeable state needs pursuant to this chapter, but excluding real property for which there is

52 an established local reuse plan; or (2) determined by the state surplus land coordinating committee to be

53 surplus to current and foreseeable state needs pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

54 SECTION 2. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out section 40E, as so appearing, and 55 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

- 56 Section 40E. Real property, record title to which is held in the name of a state agency or the board of
- 57 trustees of a state agency or similar board of a state agency, shall be deemed to be the real property of the
- 58 commonwealth. No deed or other instrument shall be required to effect the transfer to the commonwealth
- of title to such real property, but the land court department of the trial court shall, upon petition of the
- 60 division of capital asset management and maintenance, issue in the name of the commonwealth a
- 61 certificate of title to any real property, title to which is registered under chapter 185 in the name of a state
- 62 agency or the board of trustees of a state agency or similar board of a state agency. Notwithstanding any
- 63 general or special law to the contrary, no person shall acquire any rights by prescription or adverse
- 64 possession in any lands or rights in lands held in the name of the commonwealth.
- The commissioner and the committee shall exercise the powers stated in this chapter, notwithstanding the
- delegations which the general court has made pertaining to the acquisition, control, and disposition of real
- 67 property, including section 19 of chapter 16; section 1 of chapter 19; section 7 of chapter 19A; sections
- 68 9A, 13, and 30 of chapter 21; sections 2 and 9 of chapter 21A; sections 8 and 26 of chapter 23A; section 7
- of chapter 23B; section 3 of chapter 28A; section 41 of chapter 29; sections 4 and 5 of chapter 29A;
- 70 sections 11, 12, 25, 26, and 27 of chapter 75; sections 7, 7A, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7G, 7H, 7L, 7M, 11, 13A, and
- 13B of chapter 81; section 7 of chapter 82; section 4 of chapter 83; section 39B of chapter 90; sections 2,
- 72 3, 5, and 6 of chapter 91; sections 9A, 13, 33, 34, 77 to 85, inclusive, 87, and 88 of chapter 92; sections
- 62R, 83, and 86 of chapter 111; section 5 of chapter 111B; section 8 of chapter 115A; sections 1 and 2 of
- chapter 120; section 5 of chapter 122; section 10 of chapter 124; section 2 of chapter 147; sections 31 and

- 75 32 of chapter 184; provided, however, that the commissioner shall acquire, control and dispose of real
- property in accordance with the terms and purposes of the aforementioned provisions. The commissioner
- shall not make any acquisition of real property on behalf of a state agency by eminent domain or make
- any such delegation of power to acquire real property by eminent domain to any state agency unless such
- real state agency is otherwise authorized by law to exercise the power of eminent domain. The commissioner
- 80 may delegate to state agencies responsibility for the acquisition and control of real property as provided
- 81 for in this chapter. When responsibility is delegated to a state agency, the written approval of the
- 82 commissioner shall be required before the transaction is completed, and a copy of said written approval
- 83 shall be sent to the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets.
- For the purposes of sections 40F to 40L, inclusive, the term "emergency" shall mean any situation caused
- by unforeseen circumstances which render currently used real property unusable or unavailable for the
- 86 purposes intended and which creates an immediate need for other real property to preserve the health or
- 87 safety of persons or real property.
- 88 SECTION 3. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out section 40F, as so appearing, and 89 inserting in place thereof the following section:-
- 90 Section 40F. (a) There shall be established a state surplus land coordinating committee, hereinafter the 91 committee. The committee shall consist of 11 members, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of the executive 92 office of administration and finance or his designee; 1 whom shall be the secretary of the executive office of transportation and construction or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of the executive office 93 94 of economic development or his designee, provided his designee is the director of the Massachusetts 95 office of business development; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of the executive office of environmental 96 affairs or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the director of the department of housing and community 97 development or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of the division of capital asset 98 management and maintenance or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the director of the Massachusetts 99 municipal association or his designee; 1 of whom shall be chair of the commonwealth development 100 coordinating council or his designee; and 1 of whom shall be the chief executive officer of the Massachusetts development finance authority or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the chair of the board 101 102 of directors of the Massachusetts association of regional planning agencies or his designee; and 1 of 103 whom shall be the president of the Massachusetts association of community development corporations or
- 104 his designee.
- 105 The committee shall meet from time to time and shall advise and direct the commissioner on all real
- 106 property being considered for surplus designation and on the appropriate disposition of such real property,
- 107 including but not limited to, whether the real property should be declared surplus, the potential reuses for
- 108 the real property, including, but not limited to, its suitability for housing development, economic

development or preservation as open space, and what restrictions, if any, should be placed on its use anddevelopment.

- 111 The committee shall annually submit a written report of its activities not later than December 31. Said
- 112 report shall be submitted to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
- 113 chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets, the chairs of the joint
- 114 committee on economic development and emerging technologies, and the clerks of the senate and the
- 115 house of representatives.
- (b) The commissioner, upon the approval of the committee, shall be responsible for the disposition of real
- 117 property in the manner and to the extent provided in this chapter. The commissioner may delegate such
- 118 responsibility to an administrator who has 10 years of experience in the management of commercial,
- 119 industrial, institutional or public real property. When responsibility is delegated to an administrator the
- 120 written approval of the commissioner shall be required before such transaction is finalized.
- 121 (c) The commissioner shall, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, convey, lease for a term not to
- 122 exceed 99 years, transfer or otherwise dispose of real property to the agency or the host municipality or,

123 upon the approval of the committee, convey, lease for a term not to exceed 99 years, transfer or otherwise

- 124 dispose of surplus real property as specified in this chapter.
- 125 The commissioner shall provide such administrative support to the committee as the committee may 126 request.
- SECTION 4. Said chapter 7, is hereby further amended by inserting after section 40F the followingsection:-
- 129 Section 40F¹/₄. (a) The commissioner shall recommend to the committee for surplus designation any real
- 130 property owned by the commonwealth that is not required for use by any state agency or executive office
- 131 and which in his judgment should be declared surplus real property subject to disposition by the
- 132 commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that prior to
- recommending that a parcel of real property be declared surplus, the commissioner shall determine
- 134 whether any state agency or executive office has a current or foreseeable need for the real property. In
- 135 order to establish whether there exists a current or foreseeable need, the commissioner shall provide
- 136 written notice and inquiry to the heads of state agencies and secretaries of the executive offices who shall
- 137 have 30 days to submit a written response indicating that the real property is necessary for a specific
- 138 current or foreseeable need of such agency or executive office. If no agency or executive office submits
- 139 such a response within 30 days of receiving said notice, the commissioner shall recommend to the
- 140 committee that the real property be declared surplus real property subject to disposal by the
- 141 commonwealth in a manner consistent with the provisions of this chapter. In the event that a written

142 response from a state agency or executive office is timely received specifying a current or foreseeable

- 143 need for the real property, the commissioner shall, within 30 days and in consultation with the secretary
- 144 of administration and finance and with any affirmatively responding state agency or executive office: (1)
- 145 determine whether the real property shall be made available for the current use of a state agency or
- 146 executive office; (2) determine whether the real property shall be retained on account of a foreseeable use
- by a state agency or executive office; provided, however, upon a determination that a parcel of real
- 148 property is surplus to current state uses, but not to foreseeable state uses, the commissioner shall take such
- action as is necessary to ensure that any disposition of the real property is temporary and said action shall
- 150 maintain the commissioner's ability to make such real property available to a state agency or executive
- 151 office at such time as it may be needed; or (3) notwithstanding the current or foreseeable need of the
- responding state agency or executive office, recommend to the committee that the real property should be
- declared surplus real property subject to disposal by the commonwealth in a manner consistent with the
- 154 provisions of this chapter.

155 Within 10 days of providing written notice and inquiry to the heads of state agencies and secretaries of the 156 executive offices as required by this section, the commissioner shall, for informational purposes, provide 157 written notification to the host municipality that the real property may be declared surplus pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Said notice shall be sent to the city manager in the case of a city under a Plan E 158 159 form of government, the mayor and city council in the case of all other cities, the chairman of the board of 160 selectmen in the case of a town, the county commissioners, the regional planning agency, and the 161 representatives to the general court representing said host municipality. The commissioner shall set forth 162 in such notice a description of the real property and a declaration that the real property is being considered 163 for surplus designation.

- (b) The commissioner shall file a report with the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets which shall include the commissioner's recommendation as to the proposed designation of said real property as surplus. Within 30 days of said filing, the joint committee shall hold a public hearing on the commissioner's proposed designation. Thereafter, said joint committee shall report its findings to the general court together with legislation within 30 days of said public hearing, and shall provide a copy of said findings and legislation to the commissioner; provided, further, that prior to recommending to the committee that the real property be declared surplus to current and foreseeable state uses, there shall be an
- 171 affirmative vote of the General Court enacting legislation.
- 172 The commissioner shall establish the value of real property using customarily accepted appraisal
- 173 methodologies. The value shall be calculated both for (i) the highest and best use of the real property as
- 174 currently zoned, and (ii) subject to uses, restrictions and encumbrances as may be defined by the general
- 175 court and the committee. Appraisals under this paragraph shall be conducted by an independent licensed

- appraiser. In no instance in which the commonwealth retains responsibility for maintaining the real
- 177 property shall the terms provide for payment of less than the annual maintenance costs.

178 (c) Prior to recommending to the committee that the real property be declared surplus to current and 179 foreseeable state uses the commissioner shall, within 10 days of the general court's action as required by 180 subsection (b), provide simultaneous written notification to the host municipality, the agency and the 181 regional planning agency for the region where the real property is located indicating that the real property 182 is available. For parcels of real property larger than 2 acres or valued at more than \$1,000,000 the 183 commissioner shall commission the regional planning agency for the region where the real property is 184 located to conduct a smart growth reuse review. Said review shall consider a need for a variety of housing 185 options, economic development and open space; current and prospective zoning of the site; the need for 186 municipal capital facilities and public uses; impact of traffic and transit; impact on the environment and 187 natural resources and on agricultural lands; existence of historically significant structures; availability of 188 infrastructure, including water supply, waste water and store water run-off; fiscal impact of the 189 development on the host municipality; remediation of contamination; and other smart growth

190 implications. The regional planning agency shall complete the review within 60 days.

191 (d) Upon receipt of the notification pursuant to subsection (c) the host municipality shall have a right of 192 first refusal to purchase the real property pursuant to the conditions established in this section. The host 193 municipality shall have the right of first refusal to purchase the real property for a direct public use at 85 194 per cent of the fair market value of the real property as established pursuant to this chapter. The host 195 municipality shall have the right of first refusal to purchase the real property for a purpose other than a 196 direct public use at fair market value as established pursuant to this chapter. Such right of first refusal 197 must be exercised, if at all, by the host municipality within 210 days of receipt of such notice by 198 providing written notification to the commissioner of the host municipality's intent to purchase the real 199 property. The host municipality shall then have an additional 180 days from its exercise of its right of first 200 refusal to close on the purchase of the real property. In the event that a host municipality fails to close on 201 the purchase of the real property within such time, the sole remedy of the commonwealth against the host 202 municipality for such failure is to proceed with the disposition of the real property without further right of 203 purchase by the host municipality; provided, however, that if said failure to close on the purchase of the real property was in bad faith, the commonwealth shall not be required to share proceeds of the sale of 204 205 said real property with the host municipality as required by section 2ZZZ of chapter 29. The 206 commissioner, at his discretion, may negotiate with a host municipality exercising its right of first refusal 207 flexible financing arrangements to facilitate the purchase of the real property under this section; provided, 208 however, that no such arrangements shall provide for a period of more than 5 years for all payments due 209 under this section. A host municipality exercising a right of first refusal as provided herein may engage

210 the services of the agency to perform planning, feasibility, marketing, and other studies or to provide

211 project management services in connection with any reuse or redevelopment of the real property.

212 A host municipality shall be permitted to assign its right of first refusal to purchase the real property for a 213 direct public use at 85 per cent of the fair market value of the real property as established pursuant to this 214 chapter to a non-profit organization for a direct public use of said organization. Such assignment must be 215 made by the host municipality, if at all, within 210 days of receipt of notification pursuant to subsection 216 (c), the assignee non-profit organization must exercise said right, if at all, within 90 days of assignment of 217 such right by the host municipality by providing written notification to the commissioner of the assignee 218 non-profit organization's intent to purchase the real property. The assignee non-profit organization shall 219 then have an additional 90 days from its exercise of said assignment by the host municipality to close on 220 the purchase of the real property. In the event that the assignee non-profit organization fails to close on 221 the purchase of the real property within such time, the sole remedy of the commonwealth against the host 222 municipality for such failure is to proceed with the disposition of the real property without further right of 223 purchase by the host municipality; provided, however, that if said failure to close on the purchase of the 224 real property was in bad faith, the commonwealth shall not be required to share proceeds of the sale of 225 said real property with the host municipality as required by section 2ZZZ of chapter 29.

If the host municipality or its assignee acquires any portion of the real property for open space purposes, or if any of the real property is restricted for open space purposes, a conservation restriction pursuant to chapter 184 of the general laws shall be retained by the commonwealth on such parcels.

229 (e) Upon receipt of the notification required pursuant to subsection (c) the agency shall have 180 days to 230 determine whether the agency will acquire title to, or another interest in, said real property and to provide 231 such notice to the commissioner; provided, however, that the agency shall send preliminary notification to 232 the commissioner within 30 days of its receipt of such notice stating its intention to decline title to, or 233 other interest in, said real property or to undertake a due diligence review within such 180 day period. The 234 preliminary notification shall not be binding upon the agency. The agency's determination whether to 235 accept title to, or an interest in, said real property shall be based on an analysis as to the feasibility and 236 need for the development, operation or maintenance of the real property, in whole or in part, substantially 237 for institutional, governmental, industrial, or commercial uses which will prevent or eliminate blight, 238 economic dislocation, economic distress, or unemployment, or for such other public purposes as the 239 agency may determine. The agency shall, within 21 days of receipt of a request from the host 240 municipality or the regional planning agency, provide said host municipality and the regional planning agency any information acquired from its analysis of the real property, including but not limited to, 241 242 appraisals, surveys, site evaluations, site preparation, plans, recordings, smart growth review and any 243 other work product relating to pre-development or development of the real property pursuant to the 244 provisions of this chapter.

245 If the agency elects to acquire title to, or another interest in, the real property through a conveyance, a

- lease not to exceed 99 years, a rental or transfer, the agency shall so notify the commissioner within said
- 180 day time period by providing an offer to acquire such real property. The offer shall include a
- 248 proposed redevelopment plan and a purchase or lease price for the real property determined by using
- 249 customarily accepted appraisal methodologies and subject to uses, restrictions and encumbrances as may
- be determined by the general court and the commissioner. The agency shall also send its proposed
- 251 redevelopment plan to the host municipality and the regional planning agency serving the area where the
- real property is located.

253 The agency and commissioner shall execute a mutually acceptable land disposition agreement not sooner 254 than 35 days after the expiration of its 180 day option to purchase as provided for in this section or not 255 sooner than 10 days and not later than 90 days, unless extended by a mutual agreement of the parties, 256 after the host municipality declines to exercise or assign its right of first refusal to purchase the real 257 property. Such land disposition agreement shall be subject to the agency securing all necessary state and 258 local permits and approvals, and subject to a satisfactory environmental review. If the agency and the 259 commissioner do not execute a mutually acceptable land disposition agreement in such time period, or at 260 the conclusion of an arbitrator's review, as applicable, the commissioner may dispose of the real property 261 in a manner consistent with the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that the commissioner shall 262 not unreasonably withhold his acceptance of a bona fide offer from the agency. If the agency is aggrieved 263 by a decision of the commissioner, it may appeal to the committee within 15 days. The committee shall, 264 within 15 days appoint an independent arbitrator to review the proposal. The arbitrator shall have 30 days 265 to conduct said review. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon the commissioner and the 266 agency.

267 The agency may acquire an interest in real property only after approval of a redevelopment plan for such 268 real property by the board of directors of the agency; provided, however, that prior to the submission of 269 said redevelopment plan to the board for approval, the agency shall conduct a public hearing in the host 270 municipality to allow for local input on the redevelopment plan and as to the potential reuses for the real 271 property, including, but not limited to, its suitability for economic development, job creation, or 272 preservation as open space, and what reuse restrictions, if any, should be imposed on its use and 273 development. The agency shall publish notice of the hearing in the central register published by the state 274 secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 within 30 days of the date of the hearing. Notification of 275 the public hearing shall also be sent to the host municipality. Said notice shall be sent to the city manager 276 in the case of a city under a Plan E form of government, the mayor and city council in the case of all other 277 cities, the chairman of the board of selectmen in the case of a town, the county commissioners, the 278 regional planning agency, and the representatives to the general court representing said host municipality. 279 The agency shall set forth in such notice a description of the real property, a copy of the proposed

- redevelopment plan and the date of the public hearing. A notice of the public hearing shall also be placed,
- at least once each week for the 4 consecutive weeks preceding the hearing, in newspapers with sufficient
- circulation to inform the people of the host municipality. The hearing shall be held in the host
- municipality not sooner than 30 days and not later than 35 days after the notice is published in the centralregister.
- 285 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, any real property transferred to the
- agency through either a conveyance or lease shall be designated by the economic assistance coordinating
- 287 council as an economic target area, an economic opportunity area, and a certified project, as those terms
- are defined in section 3A of chapter 23A, and such real property shall be eligible for all the incentives and
- 289 benefits provided by the economic development incentive program.
- 290 (f) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the agency is authorized to employ
- alternative methods of procurement relative to the planning, design, demolition, construction,
- 292 reconstruction, improvement, renovation, enlargement, expansion, remodeling, repair or build-out of any
- and all facilities, as may be useful or necessary from time to time in connection with the redevelopment of
- such real property by the agency in furtherance of this chapter, including, without limitation, turnkey,
- 295 design-build, lease, lease purchase or utilization of modular buildings.
- The acquisition, procurement, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation,enlargement, expansion, remodeling, alteration, repair, build-out, development, financing, management,
- 298 maintenance, operation or leasing of all or any portion of a redevelopment project undertaken by the
- agency in furtherance of this chapter and any contract for construction and design or other consulting
- 300 services for or relating to, the construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation, enlargement,
- 301 expansion, remodeling, alteration, repair, build-out, development, financing, management, maintenance,
- 302 operation or leasing of all or any portion of real property by the agency pursuant to this chapter shall be
- 303 exempt from the provisions of section 38A¹/₂ to 38O, inclusive, of this chapter, section 44A to 44J,
- 304 inclusive, of chapter 149, and section 39M of chapter 30 or any other general or special law or rule or
- 305 regulation providing for the advertising or bidding of construction, development, financing, management,
- 306 leasing or improvements to, or the acquisition or disposition of interests in real or personal property, but
- 307 the provisions of sections 26 to 27F, inclusive, and section 29, of said chapter 149 shall apply to those
- 308 elements of redevelopment project undertaken by the agency in furtherance of this chapter that, but for
- 309 the exemptions provided herein, would be subject to such sections.
- 310 Notwithstanding such exemptions, the procedures to be followed and the terms and conditions of such
- 311 procurement processes, including written procedures for the selection of construction, design, and other
- 312 professionals for the redevelopment of real property by the agency pursuant to this chapter, shall be
- determined by the agency in consultation with, and subject to review by, the inspector general of the
- 314 commonwealth as set forth in this section, and the procedures shall also be approved by the board of

- 315 directors of the agency. The inspector general shall comment in writing on such procurement process and
- 316 shall submit such comments to the agency, the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital
- 317 expenditures and state assets, the chairs of the joint committees on economic development and emerging
- technologies, the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives not less than 30 days
- 319 before the agency begins the procurement of design and construction services.

320 In order to effectuate an open, competitive and fair procurement and an effective contracting process, the 321 agency shall, not less than 45 days prior to the advertisement of the invitation for competitive bids using 322 the procurement process, submit to the inspector general all procedures and criteria developed for the 323 implementation of the alternative method, including a description of the project, the construction bid 324 package, and evaluation criteria. The inspector general shall submit written comments on the procedures 325 to the agency not less than 30 days prior to the advertisement. The agency shall submit the procedures and 326 criteria and the comments of the inspector general to the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital 327 expenditures and state assets, the chairs of the joint committees on economic development and emerging 328 technologies, the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives at least 15 days prior to 329 the advertisement for any contract to be awarded on the basis of an alternative method. Such procedures 330 and criteria shall be approved by a vote of the board of directors of the agency. The agency shall submit 331 to the chairs of said joint committees a report of the results of such procurement. If the agency awards the 332 contract to other than the lowest responsive bidder, the agency shall submit to said committees and to the 333 inspector general a written justification describing in detail why such award is in the best interests of the 334 agency.

Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, each state agency or executive office

responsible for the permitting, development or financing of economic development projects in thecommonwealth is hereby authorized and directed to develop a coordinated one-stop program for

- businesses, institutions and private parties that may intend to locate on the real property in order to enable
- development activities on such real property to be more effectively promoted by the commonwealth.

340 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, real property, and any personal property 341 located thereon, acquired by the agency, or of real property so acquired by the agency and leased by it, 342 shall be subject to local taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as other lands are taxed; 343 provided, however, that if said agency or other individual, person, firm, corporation, or other entity 344 creates a minimum of 100 new jobs on the real property they shall not incur said tax liability for a period 345 of 5 years; provided, further, that nothing in this section shall prohibit the municipality from entering into an agreement with said lessee relative to providing incentives and benefits pursuant to section 3A of 346 347 chapter 23A.

348 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, if the agency acquires title to, or another

- 349 interest in, real property formerly used as a department of mental health state hospital or department of
- 350 mental retardation in-patient care facility, the agency shall ensure that at least 15 per cent of any housing
- units developed on the real property be affordable supported housing for individuals who are clients, or
- 352 former clients of the respective department; provided, however, that such housing shall be made
- affordable and available to such individuals with incomes of 15 per cent of the average median income or
- below; and provided, further, that said restriction shall be recorded in the registry of deeds or the registry
- 355 district of the land court of the county in which the effected real property is located, as running with the
- 356 land, and that said real property shall not be released from such restriction until after the expiration of 99
- 357 years from the date of initial occupancy by such eligible individuals.
- 358 (g) If the host municipality and the agency decline to accept title to, or another interest in, the real
- property within the time prescribed by this section, the commissioner shall, within 30 days of being
- 360 notified of said rejection by the host municipality and the agency, formally recommend to the committee
- that said real property be officially declared surplus to state uses. Upon receipt of the commissioner's
- 362 official recommendation that the real property should be declared surplus, the committee shall:
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364 (i) within 10 days provide written notice, for each city or town in which the real property is located, to the 365 city manager in the case of a city under Plan E form of government, the mayor and city council in the case 366 of all other cities, the chairman of the board of selectmen in the case of a town, the county commissioners, 367 the regional planning agency, and the representatives to the general court representing the host 368 municipality. The committee shall set forth in such notice a description of the real property and a 369 declaration that the real property is being considered for surplus designation. The committee shall also 370 inform the municipality that it may elect to adopt the provisions of chapter 43D and designate the real 371 property a priority development site pursuant to said chapter 43D;

372 (ii) within 45 days conduct a public hearing in the host municipality to allow for local input as to whether 373 the real property should be officially declared surplus, the potential reuses for the real property if it is 374 officially declared surplus, including, but not limited to, its suitability for housing development, economic 375 development, job creation, or preservation as open space, and what reuse restrictions, if any, should be 376 imposed on its use and development; provided, however, that in the case of real property formerly used as 377 a department of mental health state hospital or department of mental retardation in-patient care facility, 378 the committee shall place a reuse restriction on the land ensuring that at least 15 per cent of any housing 379 units developed on the real property be affordable supported housing for individuals who are clients, or 380 former clients, of the respective department; provided, further, that such housing shall be made affordable 381 and available to such individuals with incomes of 15 per cent of average median income or below; and 382 provided, further that said restriction shall be recorded in the registry of deeds or the registry district of

- the land court of the county in which the affected real property is located, as running with the land, and
- that said real property shall not be released from such restriction until after the expiration of 99 years from
- the date of initial occupancy by such eligible individuals. The committee shall publish notice of the
- 386 hearing in the central register published by the state secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 within
- 387 30 days of the date of the hearing. A notice of the public hearing shall also be placed, at least once each
- 388 week for the 4 consecutive weeks preceding the hearing, in newspapers with sufficient circulation to
- inform the people of the effected locality. The hearing shall be held in the host municipality no sooner
- than 30 days and no later than 35 days after the notice is published in the central register.
- 391 (iii) within 120 days report in writing to the commissioner on the real property being considered for
- 392 surplus designation on the appropriate disposition for such real property. Said report shall include a
- determination of whether the real property should be declared surplus, the potential reuses for the real
- 394 property if it is declared by the committee to be surplus, including its suitability for housing development,
- 395 economic development or preservation as open space, and what restrictions, if any, should be imposed on
- its use and development. The report shall also include the recommendation of the host municipality, if
- any, and the smart growth report of the regional planning council, if applicable.
- 398 The determination of the committee shall be binding upon the commissioner.
- 399 SECTION 5. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out section 40F¹/₂, as appearing in the 400 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-
- 401 Section $40F_{2}$. (a) If, pursuant to section $40F_{4}$, the committee determines that a parcel of real property is 402 surplus to both current and foreseeable state uses the commissioner shall proceed with the disposition of 403 the real property in accordance with this section. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the 404 contrary, any real property officially declared surplus by the committee shall be designated by the 405 economic assistance coordinating council as an economic target area, an economic opportunity area, and a 406 certified project, as those terms are defined in section 3A of chapter 23A, and such real property shall be 407 eligible for all the incentives and benefits provided by the economic development incentive program; 408 provided, further, that any real property officially declared surplus by the committee shall, upon local 409 approval, automatically qualify as a priority development site for the purposes of chapter 43D.
- The commissioner shall establish the value of surplus real property using customarily accepted appraisal methodologies. The value shall be calculated both for (i) the highest and best use of the real property as currently zoned, and (ii) subject to uses, restrictions and encumbrances as may be defined by the general court and the committee. Appraisals under this paragraph shall be conducted by an independent licensed appraiser. In no instance in which the commonwealth retains responsibility for maintaining the real property shall the terms provide for payment of less than the annual maintenance costs.

417 (b) The commissioner, within 60 days of receipt of notice from the committee, shall:-

(i) publicly declare the real property available for disposition and identify any restrictions on its use anddevelopment imposed by the general court or the committee; and

420 (ii) place a notice in the central register published by the state secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 stating the availability of the real property and requesting proposals from any public or private entity, 421 422 agency, individual partnership, or joint venture regarding the use, reuse, rehabilitation, renovation, 423 reconstruction, purchase, ownership, lease, construction, or development of the real property. Said notice 424 shall also include the time and location for submission of bids and proposals and the opening thereof, and 425 other information the commissioner may deem relevant; provided, however, that said notice shall 426 simultaneously be filed with the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state 427 assets and the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies.

428 All responses to the request for proposals issued pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the 429 commissioner within 60 days after the publishing of the notice in the central register. The commissioner shall, within 30 days of receiving said proposals, review all the proposals received and recommend to the 430 431 committee what he deems to be the 3 proposals which represent the highest and best use of the real 432 property. The commissioner shall simultaneously send notice to each city or town in which the real 433 property is located, to the city manager in the case of a city under Plan E form of government, the mayor 434 and city council in the case of all other cities, the chairman of the board of selectmen in the case of a 435 town, the county commissioners, the regional planning agency, and the representatives to the general 436 court representing the host municipality of the proposals selected by the commissioner and recommended 437 to the committee. The committee shall, within 21 days of receiving a recommendation from the 438 commissioner, conduct a public hearing in the host municipality on the proposals recommended by the 439 commissioner. The committee by a majority vote shall, within 60 days of the public hearing in the host 440 municipality, select the proposal which it deems represents the highest and best use of the real property. 441 In determining the highest and best use of the real property as required by this section, the commissioner 442 and the committee shall pay due consideration to the impact upon the host municipality, including, but 443 not limited to, impact to housing, infrastructure, natural resources, open space and economic 444 development.

If no proposals are received by the commissioner pursuant to the request for proposals issued pursuant to this section, or if the committee determines that the proposals received and recommended by the commissioner do not represent the highest and best use of the real property, or if the committee fails to secure a majority vote within 60 days of the public hearing in the host municipality required by this section, the commissioner shall dispose of the real property using appropriate alternative competitive processes and procedures. Such alternative competitive processes and procedures may include, but shall

- 451 not be limited to, absolute auction, sealed bids and requests for price and development proposals. The
- 452 commissioner shall dispose of the real property within 90 days of receiving notification from the
- 453 committee; provided, further, that the commissioner shall, 30 days prior to disposition of the real property
- 454 pursuant to an alternative competitive process, notify the host municipality and the committee of the
- 455 alternative competitive process to be used. The commissioner shall, at least 30 days prior to the
- 456 disposition of the surplus real property using an alternative competitive process, place notice in the central
- 457 register published by the state secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 stating the availability of
- 458 such real property, the nature of the competitive process and other information deemed relevant, including
- 459 the time and location of the auction, the submission of bids or proposals and the opening thereof.
- 460 (c) The commissioner shall place a notice in the central register, and provide written notice to the host municipality; provided said notice shall be sent to the city manager in the case of a city under Plan E form 461 462 of government, the mayor and city council in the case of all other cities, the chairman of the board of 463 selectmen in the case of a town, the county commissioners, the regional planning agency, and the 464 representatives to the general court representing said host municipality. Said notice shall identify the 465 individual or firm selected as party to such real property transaction, along with the amount of such 466 transaction. If the commissioner accepts an amount below the value calculated pursuant to this section he shall include the justification therefore, specifying the difference between the calculated value and the 467 468 price received.
- The commissioner shall ensure that any rental agreement, and in the case of a conveyance, a deed or 469 470 separate disposition agreement as deemed appropriate by the commissioner, shall set forth all such reuse 471 restrictions; shall provide for effective remedies on behalf of the commonwealth, including that title to the 472 real property, or such lesser interest as is the subject of the disposition agreement, shall revert to the 473 commonwealth in the event of a violation of any such reuse restrictions; and shall provide, in the case of a 474 disposition to the host municipality or a non-profit organization for a direct public use, that the title to the 475 real property, or such lesser interest as is the subject of the disposition agreement, shall revert to the 476 commonwealth in the event the real property is no longer utilized for such direct public use.
- 477 No agreement for the conveyance, lease or rental or other disposition of state-owned real property
 478 pursuant to this chapter, and no deed, executed by or on behalf of the commonwealth pursuant to this
 479 chapter, shall be valid unless such agreement or deed contains the following declaration, signed by the
 480 commissioner:
- 481 The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that I have fully complied with the provisions of
- 482 sections 40F, 40F¹/₄, 40F¹/₂, 40F³/₄, 40H, and 40J of chapter 7 in connection with the real property
- 483 described herein.
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Commissioner, DCAMM

486 Date:_____

487 The commissioner shall maintain, for a period of at least 6 years, a file containing a copy of each

document necessary to establish fulfillment of the requirements of this chapter as it relates to thedisposition of surplus real property. Such file shall be open to public inspection.

490 (d) All net cash proceeds from the conveyance, lease or other transfer of real property pursuant to this

chapter shall be deposited by the commissioner, upon receipt, in the Surplus Real Property Proceeds Fund
established pursuant to section 2ZZZ of chapter 29.

493 SECTION 6. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 40F¹/₂ the following
 494 section:-

495 Section 40F³/₄. The commissioner shall be responsible for the acquisition and control of real property in

496 the manner and to the extent provided in this chapter. The commissioner may delegate such responsibility

497 to an administrator who has 10 years of experience in the management of commercial, industrial,

498 institutional or public real property. When responsibility is delegated to an administrator the written

499 approval of the commissioner shall be required before such transaction is finalized.

500 The commissioner shall acquire an interest in real property on behalf of the commonwealth for the use of

501 state agencies and executive offices by gift, purchase, devise, grant, eminent domain, rental, lease, rental-

502 purchase or otherwise.

503 In acquiring buildings for the use of state agencies or executive offices, first consideration shall be given

to any structures that have been certified as historic landmarks as provided by sections 26 to 27C,

505 inclusive, of chapter 9, that have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places as provided by 16

506 U.S.C. section 470a (1974) or that have been designated historic landmarks by local historic

507 commissions, unless use of such buildings would not be feasible in terms of costs and requirements when

508 compared with other available properties.

509 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, real property acquired for the use of

510 state agencies or executive offices shall be held in the name of the commonwealth.

511 The commissioner shall assist in the preparation and shall approve of plans for the organization of all

512 space within and around buildings and appurtenant structures used by state agencies and executive

513 offices, and shall assign the use of space within and around the state house, subject to such rules as the

514 committee on rules of the 2 branches acting concurrently may adopt, in accordance with the provisions of

sections 10, 16A and 17 of chapter 8; the John W. McCormack state office building; the Leverett

516 Saltonstall state office building; the Springfield office building; the Pittsfield office building; the Erich

517 Lindemann building; the Charles F. Hurley building; any real property acquired for the use of state

518 agencies or executive offices, the greater part of which is not needed by any one state agency or executive

519 office; and any other real property assigned by law to the division of capital asset management and

520 maintenance.

521 The commissioner, with the written approval of the commissioner of administration, may transfer use of, 522 and responsibility for maintenance of, buildings, including equipment therein, within or between state 523 agencies and executive offices. No such transfer within or between state agencies or executive offices 524 which involves either a change in the purposes for which such building is currently used or a change in 525 use in excess of 50 per cent of the usable floor space, shall be made without the prior approval of the 526 general court. Any such transfer shall be based on a determination, made by the commissioner with the 527 advice of the executive heads of effected agencies and secretaries of the executive offices in which such 528 agencies are located, that such real property is not needed, is underutilized, or is not being put to optimum 529 use under current conditions. The commissioner shall notify the chairs of house and senate committees on 530 ways and means, the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets and 531 the representatives to the general court from the city or town in which such real property is located not 532 less than 30 days prior to the final authorization of any transfer which does not require the approval of the 533 general court, and such transfer shall only be made when the general court is in session except as 534 provided hereafter. Such transfer may be made when the general court is not in session, and the thirty day 535 notification requirement may be waived, only if the commissioner certifies in writing that an emergency 536 exists; provided, however, that any such transfer may be authorized for a period not to exceed 6 months; 537 and provided, further, that the commissioner shall submit his certification to and notify the chairs of house 538 and senate ways and means committees and the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital 539 expenditures and state assets, and the representatives to the general court from the city or town in which 540 such real property is located of such transfer at the earliest possible opportunity.

541 SECTION 7. Section 40H of said chapter 7, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended 542 by striking out, in lines 23 and 24, the words "state administration" and inserting in place thereof the

543 following words:- bonding, capital expenditures and state assets.

544 SECTION 8. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out section 40I, as so appearing, and 545 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

546 Section 40I. The clerk of the house of representatives and the clerk of the senate shall, within 10 days of

547 the filing of any legislation authorizing the conveyance, lease, transfer, or other disposition of any state-

548 owned real property forward a copy of said bill to the commissioner. Within 90 days of the receipt of said

549 copy, the commissioner shall submit in writing a report to the commissioner of administration, the

- 550 legislative committee before which the bill is pending, and the joint committee on bonding, capital
- 551 expenditures and state assets together with a recommendation for either the approval or the disapproval of
- the bill and his reasons therefor.
- 553 If the commissioner is recommending the approval of a bill proposing the disposition of a parcel
- exceeding 2 acres, said report shall include: (1) a description of the real property including its current use,
- structures, and approximate metes and bounds; (2) the value of the real property, determined through
- 556 procedures customarily accepted by the appraising profession as valid for such purposes, calculated both
- 557 for (a) the highest and best use of the real property as currently encumbered and (b) uses and
- encumbrances that would be imposed by the bill if enacted; (3) all current and foreseeable direct public
- uses identified by following the division's procedures for such purposes as they apply to the real property
- to be disposed (4) other potential public and private uses of the real property; and (5) any other
- 561 information the general court may require.
- 562 The commissioner shall expeditiously review and recommend approval or disapproval of any proposal to
- the general court for the sale, rental or other disposition of real property acquired on behalf of state
- agencies, and shall dispose of real property as mandated by the general court.
- 565 The provisions of this section shall not apply to recommendations filed by the commissioner with the
- joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets pursuant to the provisions of subsection(b) of section 40F¹/₄.
- SECTION 9. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2YYY the
 following two sections:—
- 570 Section 2ZZZ. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to
- be known as the Surplus Real Property Proceeds Fund, hereinafter called the fund. The fund shall be
- administered by the department of housing and community development. All monies deposited into the
- 573 fund shall, within 90 days of receipt, be distributed by the fund in the following order of priority:-
- (i) to reimburse host municipalities for bona fide costs incurred by said municipalities for the maintenanceand upkeep of the surplus real property wherefrom the funds originated;
- 576 (ii) a maximum of 10 per cent of the remaining net cash proceeds after funding the costs identified in
- 577 clause (i) to the host municipality; provided, however, upon certification by the commissioner of the
- 578 division of capital asset management and maintenance that a host municipality expedited permitting in
- 579 accordance with part (i) of subsection (g) of section 40F¹/₄ of chapter 7 or took other affirmative actions,
- 580 which at the discretion of the commissioner, furthered the commonwealth's objectives for the parcel, shall
- 581 be entitled to 20 per cent of the remaining net cash proceeds after funding the costs identified in clause (i).

- 582 If said municipality exercises its right of first refusal as authorized pursuant to subsection (d) of section
- 583 40F¹/₄ it shall not receive a percentage of the sale proceeds; provided, however, that if the host
- 584 municipality assigns its right of first refusal pursuant to said subsection (d) of said section 40F¹/₄ to a
- 585 nonprofit organization for a direct public use, it shall receive a maximum of 10 per cent of the net cash
- 586 proceeds remaining after funding the costs identified in clause (i);
- 587 (iii) after distribution of net cash proceeds pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii), not more than \$2,800,000
- annually shall be deposited in the District Local Technical Assistance Fund established pursuant to
- section 2AAAA; and
- 590 (iv) after distribution of net cash proceeds pursuant to clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) the remaining net cash
- proceeds shall be deposited in Smart Growth Housing Trust fund established pursuant to section 35AA ofchapter 10.
- 593 Section 2AAAA. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate fund
- to be known as the District Local Technical Assistance Fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be
- administered by the bureau of municipal assistance within the department of revenue which shall ensure
- 596 that the funds are used for activities consistent with the purpose of this section and the Massachusetts
- 597 management and accounting reporting system, so-called. Said amounts shall be used solely for the
- 598 administration and implementation of the provisions of this section.
- 599 Recipients of said funds shall provide matching resources of not less than 10 per cent, no more than ¹/₂ of 600 which may be in-kind services, and shall report such annually on their expenses and program activities to 601 the commonwealth and local governments. Each regional planning district created under chapter 40B or 602 by special act shall be granted a fixed annual base award of \$150,000 from said fund, with the exception 603 of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, which shall receive a base appropriation of \$200,000, the 604 Martha's Vineyard commission which shall receive a full annual appropriation of \$100,000 and the 605 Nantucket planning and economic development commission, which shall receive a full annual 606 appropriation of \$50,000 as its full annual appropriation. One-half of the remainder of the annual 607 appropriation to said fund shall be apportioned among said entities based on the percentage of the 608 commonwealth's population served by each entity, with the other half apportioned based on the 609 percentage of the commonwealth's communities served by each entity.
- 610 SECTION 10. Section 9 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
- 611 striking out the fifteenth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-
- 612 Zoning ordinances or by-laws shall also provide that research and development uses, whether or not such
- 613 uses are currently permitted as a matter of right, may be permitted in any non-residential zoning district
- upon the issuance of a special permit; provided, however, that the granting authority finds that such uses

do not substantially derogate from the public good. "Research and development uses" may include any 1

- or more of the following: investigation; development; laboratory and similar research uses; any related
- office uses; limited manufacturing uses; and uses accessory to any of the foregoing in any field of science.
- 618 "Limited manufacturing" shall, subject to the issuance of such special permit, be an allowed use provided
- 619 that the following requirements are satisfied: (1) such manufacturing activity is directly related to research
- and development uses; (2) no limited manufacturing activity occurs within 50 feet of a residential district;
- 621 and (3) substantially all limited manufacturing activity occurs inside of buildings with any limited
- 622 manufacturing activities occurring outside of buildings subject to such conditions as may be imposed by
- 623 the granting authority.

624 SECTION 11. Chapter 40B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:—

625 Section 31. There shall be established within each regional planning district created under this chapter or by special act a technical assistance center for the delivery of coordinated, comprehensive, and continuing 626 627 technical services to and among local governments. Technical assistance services may be provided in any 628 subject area within the capability of each technical assistance center that improves local government 629 capacity, efficiency, knowledge and ability to respond to issues, opportunities, laws and requirements 630 including, but not limited to: permitting; required municipal asset inventory and management; 631 communication systems including broadband, wireless and related facilities; emergency and incident 632 response systems; electronic government opportunities; remote image and data collection; digital data management and archiving; geographic information systems; geo-location of infrastructure; internet and 633 634 internet-related technologies; data sharing and regional backup; computer system evaluation and 635 networking; intelligent transportation systems; statistical trends and modeling; digital recordation of 636 accidents, fires and crime; technical specifications relating to management of the sanitary code, water 637 supplies, air quality, storm water and natural resource area; and other land use and smart growth zoning 638 issues.

639 Said regional planning districts shall annually consult with each member city and town to ensure locally 640 needed technical assistance services that: (i) aid communities in evaluating new technologies, equipment 641 and systems; (ii) aid communities in improving the efficiency of local government; (iii) reduce costs 642 incurred by local governments for performing duties required thereof; (iv) build capacity and provide 643 needed skills; (v) aid communities in meeting new state or federal regulations or requirements; (vi) 644 provide specific services or initiate demonstration projects; (vii) facilitate sharing of information or best 645 practices among and between communities; (viii) facilitate inter-municipal cooperation or cost sharing; (ix) provide training and skill development of community employees; (x) aid in improvement of local 646 647 standards, procedures and regulations; and (xi) promote smart growth zoning, regulations, or standards.

648 Said regional planning districts shall coordinate and focus their programs to augment the services of the 649 local technical assistance centers. A core program of technical services shall be maintained in the fields of 650 management and data, environment, transportation and community development. Other fields may be 651 covered as appropriate and as resources allow. Agencies of the commonwealth initiating or following 652 through on programs or regulations requiring outreach or technical assistance shall first consider utilizing 653 the local technical assistance centers while seeking the services previously enumerated and may enter 654 directly into contracts with the regional planning agencies or their technical assistance centers as they 655 would with any city or town. This provision shall not limit the ability of state agencies to work directly with individual communities. 656

657 SECTION 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for each parcel of real property 658 acquired pursuant to the provisions of chapter 7 of the General Laws the Massachusetts Development 659 Finance Agency shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means a written disclosure 660 detailing any personal or professional relationships between any officer, director or employee of the 661 Agency and any party involved with the development or redevelopment of the real property including, but 662 not limited to, any outside legal counsel and other professional services. The Agency shall within 30 days of receiving a request by the house or senate committee on ways and means, provide the committee with a 663 detailed summary of all fees and expenditures incurred relative to the development or redevelopment of 664 665 real property acquired pursuant to the provisions of said chapter 7 including, but not limited to, any fees 666 paid to any outside legal counsel and other professionals retained by, or on behalf of, the Agency. 667 SECTION 13. Sections 1 to 9, inclusive, shall not be effective as to the disposition of any real property

designated surplus by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance prior to the effective date of this act, or as to the disposition of any real property owned by the commonwealth and subject to a special act for the conveyance, lease or other disposition of such real property with an effective date prior to the effective date of this act.