

HOUSE No. 3681

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 23, 2015.

The committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3555) of Aaron Vega, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Carlos Gonzalez relative to the dissolution of the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3681) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JAMES J. O'DAY.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act dissolving the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke.

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: Whereas the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke, as originally established by
2 Chapter 554 of the Acts of 1971, has ceased operating any nursing home facility and has ceased
3 to conduct any other type of business in accordance with the powers conferred upon it by the
4 Legislature, it is hereby declared that said Authority no longer serves the purpose for which it
5 was established and shall be dissolved. As of the effective date of this act, the Authority may not
6 carry on any business except as is necessary in connection with winding up and liquidating its
7 business affairs in substantially the same manner as a corporation would pursuant to Section
8 14.05 of Chapter 156D of the General Laws.

9 Section 2: Chapter 554 of the Acts of 1971, as amended by Chapter 199 of the Acts of
10 1972, by Chapter 1097 of the Acts of 1973, by Chapter 129 of the Acts of 1989, by Chapter 115
11 of the Acts of 1993, by Chapter 111 of the Acts of 2003 and by Chapter 371 of the Acts of 2006,
12 is hereby repealed.

13 Section 3: The City of Holyoke shall not be liable for any debts, liabilities or obligations
14 of the Authority. The City of Holyoke shall not be considered to be or to ever have been an
15 employer of any former employee of the Authority, except that the former employees of the
16 Authority shall continue to be authorized to participate in the contributory retirement system
17 under Chapter 32 of the General Laws and the group insurance plan and Chapter 32B of the
18 General Laws; nor shall the City of Holyoke be considered to be or to ever have been an insurer
19 of the Authority for purposes of Workers Compensation or Unemployment Compensation.

20 Section 4: This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City of Holyoke.