

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3748**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Sheila C. Harrington*

*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 Department of Fish and Game to acquire land of the town of Townsend.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Sheila C. Harrington*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*1st Middlesex*

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3748) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) that the town of Townsend be authorized to convey two parcels of land to the Department of Fish and Game. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act authorizing the Department of Fish and Game to acquire land of the town of Townsend.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the department of fish and game to acquire land of the town of Townsend, 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:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department  
2 of fish and game, may take, pursuant to chapter 79 of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire,  
3 and the town of Townsend may convey to the department, for the preservation and protection of  
4 wildlife habitat, passive recreation and other purposes consistent therewith, all or portions of  
5 certain parcels of land located in the town of Townsend along Haynes road, identified in the  
6 town of Townsend Assessors Map 44 as block 4 lots 0 and 11, described in a deed recorded with  
7 the Middlesex south district registry of deeds at book 53439, page 134 and shown as Open Space  
8 Area "A" and Open Space Area "B", respectively, on a plan of land entitled "Locke Estates",

9 prepared by Ducharme & Wheeler, Inc., recorded with the Middlesex south district registry of  
10 deeds as plan 637 for the year 2000.

11 SECTION 2. The department of fish and wildlife shall submit an appraisal of the parcels  
12 described in section 1 and a report thereon to the inspector general for his review and comment.  
13 Within 15 days following submittal, the inspector general shall prepare a report containing his  
14 review of the methodology used for the appraisal and shall file the report with the commissioner  
15 of the department of fish and game, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the  
16 house and senate committees on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets.

17 SECTION 3. Costs and expenses associated with the transactions authorized by this act  
18 shall be apportioned as agreed by the town of Townsend and the department of fish and game.