

HOUSE No. 4220

Substituted, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 3841).
December 18, 2023.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act amending the act authorizing the town of Deerfield to construct and operate systems of sewers.

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. Section 3 of chapter 343 of the acts of 1935 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
3 select board.

4 SECTION 2. Said chapter 343 is hereby further amended by striking out section 4 and
5 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

6 Section 4. Any person injured in their property by any action of said select
7 board under this act may recover damages from said town under said chapter 79.

8 SECTION 3. Said chapter 343 is hereby further amended by striking out section 5 and
9 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

10 Section 5. The town shall, by vote, determine what proportion of the cost of
11 said system or systems of sewerage and sewage disposal the town shall pay, provided that it shall

12 pay not more than 25 per cent. In providing for the payment of the remaining portion of the cost
13 of said system or systems or for the use of said system or systems, the town, through its select
14 board acting as the sewer commissioners, may avail itself of any or all of the methods permitted
15 by General Laws and the provisions of said General Laws relative to the assessment,
16 apportionment, division, reassessment, abatement and collection of sewer assessments, to liens
17 therefor and to interest thereon, shall apply to assessments made under this act. The collector of
18 taxes of said town shall certify the payment or payments of such assessments or apportionments
19 thereof to the said select board, which shall preserve a record thereof.

20 SECTION 4. Section 8 of said chapter 343 is hereby amended by striking out the
21 words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

22 SECTION 5. Section 9 of said chapter 343 is hereby amended by striking out the
23 words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

24 SECTION 6. The first sentence of section 10 of said chapter 343 is hereby amended
25 by striking out the words “not exceeding twenty dollars,” and inserting in place thereof the
26 following words:- in accordance with the General Laws and any bylaw adopted by the town,.

27 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.