

HOUSE No. 4447

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 to enhance growth and economic development at Devens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2022</i>

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sheila C. Harrington for legislation to further regulate the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to enhance growth and economic development at Devens.

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 ONE

2 Section ten of chapter four hundred and ninety eight of the Acts of 1993, as previously
3 amended, is hereby further amended by striking the first sentence of the sixth paragraph of said
4 section and replacing it with the following sentence--

5 "Subsequent to final acceptance of the Reuse Plan and Bylaws, a substantial revision to
6 the Reuse Plan and Bylaws shall not be effective until the Bank has approved and at least two of
7 the three Towns have accepted, by a town meeting to be held at the same date and time in each
8 of the Towns for the purpose of adopting or rejecting such revision, by majority vote of each
9 town meeting, such revision to the Reuse Plan and Bylaws."

10 SECTION TWO

11 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or rule or regulation, plan,
12 reuse plan, by- law or ordinance to the contrary, and to advance the regional development
13 objectives for which the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone was established, and to ameliorate the
14 ongoing housing crisis in the Commonwealth, residential, irrespective of the number of units,
15 shall be a permitted use and housing a development goal in zoning district established by Article
16 V (A)(13) of the Devens By-laws, any limitation on the maximum number of square feet of
17 building space to be developed and/or used in Devens under the Reuse Plan and By-Laws
18 established pursuant to section 10 of chapter four hundred ninety-eight of the Acts of 1993 and
19 any limitation on the total number of residential units to be allowed in Devens under said Reuse
20 Plan and By-Laws shall not apply to any submission of a development plan for unified
21 permitting in accordance with 974 CMR 1.00 et seq. for consideration and approval by the
22 Devens Enterprise Commission created by section 11 of said chapter four hundred ninety-eight.