

HOUSE No. 5130

Section 171 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 (see House, No. 5050), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment Y of House, No. 5132). July 28, 2022.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to a purchase option on a University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth leased facility in New Bedford.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorizing a purchase option on a University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth leased facility in New Bedford, 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. Prior to July 31, 2022, the division of capital asset management and
2 maintenance, in consultation with the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, shall execute
3 the purchase option for the facility located on 182 Union street in the city of New Bedford in
4 accordance with terms set forth in the original lease agreement dated February 28, 2000, as
5 extended by a one-year short-term tenancy agreement in fiscal year 2022. The division, in
6 consultation with the inspector general and the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, shall
7 examine current capital needs at the facility, including deferred maintenance costs, repairs and
8 upgrades necessary to preserve artist and maker space in the fine arts programming, and
9 renovations to create facilities for design and digital arts programs to compliment the traditional

10 fine arts disciplines. The capital costs shall further enhance the next phase of creative economy
11 connecting downtown arts, commerce and entertainment by integrating modern design and
12 digital arts with traditional fine arts in downtown New Bedford. The division shall submit a
13 report detailing those capital needs to the house and senate committee on ways and means not
14 later than September 1, 2022. No funds from a reserve account, or otherwise, shall be expended
15 by the comptroller to maintain or renovate the facility until such time as the purchase option is
16 executed.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.