

SENATE No. 559

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam G. Hinds

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 establishing a Greylock Glen commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 559) of Adam G. Hinds and John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a Greylock Glen commission. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act establishing a Greylock Glen commission.

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. For purposes of implementing Section 2, the following terms shall, unless
2 the context clearly otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

3 “Commission,” the Greylock Glen commission as established in Section 2 shall serve as
4 an assignee of the town of Adams, the assignor, as the new master tenant of parcels of land
5 designated in the master lease;

6 “DCAMM,” Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance;

7 “DCR,” the Department of Conservation and Recreation;

8 “Greylock Glen,” parcels of land of the commonwealth, as designated in chapter 676 of
9 the acts of 1985 authorizing DCAMM and DCR to acquire said parcels, located off west
10 mountain road and Gould road in the town of Adams near the Mount Greylock State Reservation
11 for general recreation purposes; as authorized in said chapter, DCAMM and DCR may dispose

12 of the property for general recreational purposes and for the development of the residential and
13 commercial facilities and improvements thereon of which the commissioner of DCR deems
14 appropriate for successful redemption of those purposes;

15 “Master landlord,” collectively DCAMM and DCR;

16 “Master lease,” a mutual agreement dated as October 17, 2014 and on file with DCR and
17 DCAMM, entitled “master lease”, between the commonwealth acting by and through DCAMM
18 in consultation with DCR and the town of Adams for purposes of leasing certain parcels of land
19 consisting of approximately 138.482 acres in the aggregate at the Greylock Glen, as designated
20 on page 6 in section 2 of the master lease;

21 “Master tenant,” the town of Adams, serving as the assignor of the master lease to the
22 commission.

23 SECTION 2. The town of Adams shall create, by vote of the board of selectmen, a
24 commission to act on behalf of the town as the new master tenant of parcels of land at the
25 greylock glen as designated in the master lease for purposes of carrying out chapter 676 of the
26 acts of 1985.

27 The commission shall enjoy all master tenant powers, rights, responsibilities, duties,
28 interest in, and benefits of the master lease of which the town would have enjoyed relative to the
29 ownership, development and operation of project activities authorized or contemplated by the
30 master lease. The commission shall be empowered to take all actions as appropriate and as
31 permitted in the master lease for the purposes of implementing this act including, but not limited
32 to: entering into contracts; hiring of staff and personnel, consultants and managers; the
33 acquisition and disposition of all forms of property and interests therein.

34 For purposes of implementing this act, the commission shall organize for a non-profit
35 purpose consistent with section 4 of chapter 180 of the general laws and lawfully incorporate in
36 the commonwealth as a 501(c)(3) organization, pursuant to said chapter 180, with the secretary
37 of the commonwealth and shall be approved and recognized as a non-profit organization by the
38 internal revenue service.

39 Funds deposited in the name of the commission may be expended by the treasurer of the
40 commission, as authorized by a majority vote of the commission and without further approval,
41 provided that all such funds shall be used solely for purposes of funding the costs associated with
42 project activities occurring within designated parcels of the Greylock Glen.

43 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.