

HOUSE No. 3973

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives, January 25, 2016.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton for the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center (House, No. 3844), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 3973).

For the committee,

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton for the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the conveyance of land for the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center, 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 sections 32 to 38, inclusive of chapter 7C of the General
2 Laws, or any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital asset
3 management and maintenance may, in consultation with the department of state police, convey
4 by deed a certain parcel of land and structure located in the town of Grafton, containing
5 approximately 5.2 acres, to the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center, Inc.,
6 for the public purpose of maintaining a Massachusetts state police museum and learning center,
7 for nominal consideration. The exact boundaries of the parcel may be determined by the
8 commissioner based upon a survey. Any deed granted pursuant to this section shall provide for
9 the continuance of any easement granted in accordance with section 4.

10 SECTION 2. No deed conveyed pursuant to section 1 shall be valid unless the deed
11 provides that the property shall be used solely for activities directly related to state police
12 museum and learning center purposes. If for any reason the property ceases to be used for the
13 purposes described herein, the commonwealth shall have a right of reversion and may exercise
14 said right after (i) providing the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center, Inc.,
15 with written notification and an opportunity to cure; and (ii) recording a notice of said reversion
16 in the Worcester south district registry of deeds. Upon satisfaction of the foregoing provisions,
17 the property shall revert to the commonwealth under the care, custody and control of the division
18 of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of state
19 police.

20 SECTION 3. The Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center, Inc., shall be
21 responsible for all costs relating to the conveyance of the property pursuant to section 1, and for
22 any costs, liabilities or expenses of any kind for the development, improvement, maintenance or
23 operation of the property.

24 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 38, inclusive of chapter 7C of the General
25 Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital asset
26 management and maintenance may grant a permanent easement over portions of the property
27 described in section 1 to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the operation and
28 maintenance of an antenna, for nominal consideration. The exact boundaries of the easement
29 may be determined by the commissioner based upon a survey. The Massachusetts Department
30 of Transportation shall be responsible for all costs associated with the grant of easement pursuant
31 to this section, and for any costs, liabilities or expenses of any kind for the development,
32 improvement, maintenance or operation of the property.