

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Barrett, III

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 the Greylock Glen land commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of John Barrett, III relative to establishing the Greylock Glen land commission comprised of certain parcels of land acquired by the Commonwealth for general recreation purposes in the town of Adams. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act establishing the Greylock Glen land 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 this act, the following words shall, unless the
2 context clearly otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

3 “Commission,” the Greylock Glen commission established in section 2.

4 “Greylock Glen,” parcels of land acquired by the commonwealth for general recreation
5 purposes pursuant to chapter 676 of the acts of 1985 located off west mountain road and Gould
6 road in the town of Adams near the Mount Greylock state reservation.

7 “Master landlord,” collectively the department of capital asset management and
8 maintenance and the department of conservation and recreation.

9 “Master lease,” a mutual agreement dated October 17, 2014 and on file with the
10 department of capital asset management and maintenance and the department of conservation
11 and recreation, entitled “master lease”, between the commonwealth acting by and through the

12 department of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of
13 conservation and recreation, and the town of Adams for purposes of leasing certain parcels of
14 land consisting of approximately 138.482 acres in the aggregate at the Greylock Glen, as
15 designated on page 6 in section 2 of the master lease.

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

18 SECTION 2. The town of Adams shall establish, by vote of the board of selectmen, a
19 commission to act on behalf of the town as the new master tenant of parcels of land at the
20 Greylock Glen as designated in the master lease for purposes of carrying out chapter 676 of the
21 acts of 1985.

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

29 The commission shall organize for a non-profit purpose consistent with section 4 of
30 chapter 180 of the General Laws and section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

31 Funds deposited in the name of the commission may be expended by the treasurer of the
32 commission, as authorized by a majority vote of the commission and without further approval,

33 provided that all such funds shall be used solely for purposes of funding the costs associated with
34 project activities occurring within designated parcels of the Greylock Glen.

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