

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1976**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to the Wareham Fire District..

*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. The Wareham Fire District in the town of Wareham is granted an  
2 exclusive right, privilege, and franchise to supply water for extinguishing fires and for domestic,  
3 manufacturing, and other purposes to the inhabitants of Wareham within said district’s territory  
4 established by Chapter 106 of the Acts of 2000. No other individual, corporation, municipality,  
5 district, or entity, except for the owner or owners of a parcel or parcels of land containing not  
6 less than 100 contiguous acres located in the town of Wareham, may hereafter create or operate a  
7 public water system within the territory of said Wareham Fire District, or supply water to the  
8 inhabitants of Wareham within said district’s territory other than for personal domestic use when  
9 otherwise permitted.

10           SECTION 2. The Wareham Fire District may supply water for extinguishing fires and  
11 for domestic, manufacturing, and other purposes to individuals, corporations, municipalities,  
12 districts, and other entities, without limitation, outside of said district’s territory established by  
13 Chapter 106 of the Acts of 2000.

14           SECTION 3. The Wareham Fire District may make such contracts as may be agreed  
15 upon with individuals, corporations, municipalities, districts, and other entities for supplying  
16 water outside of said district's territory, and may extend its pipes for that purpose, under the  
17 direction of the selectmen of the town or mayor of the city where the pipes are to be located,  
18 through the streets and highways of towns and cities lying outside the territory of said district.  
19 Said district may fix and collect rates for the use of such water, and may discontinue and shut off  
20 the water for the non-payment thereof and for violation of the terms of any contract made in  
21 accordance with this section.

22           SECTION 4. Specific statutory powers granted to the Wareham Fire District by Chapter  
23 178 of the Acts of 1907 and Chapter 106 of the Acts of 2000 and not specifically mentioned in  
24 this Act are hereby expanded to the extent necessary to permit said district to supply water  
25 outside of its territory in accordance with the provisions of this Act.