

HOUSE No. 3973

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to government reforms..

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 the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the following actions shall be taken:

3 The sale of insurance within the commonwealth shall be prohibited;

4 The state lottery commission shall be abolished and the sales of lottery tickets and other
5 gambling chances shall be prohibited;

6 The levying of property taxes by municipalities and the state shall be prohibited;

7 The assessment and collection of all fees, permits, tolls and excise taxes shall be
8 prohibited within the commonwealth;

9 The law known as the bottle bill shall be repealed;

10 The collection of interest shall be prohibited;

11 Collective bargaining shall be prohibited and replaced with a system in which wages
12 shall be based on age, circumstance and job classification;

13 Pricing fluctuations, sales, club discounts, coupons, and other types of sales and discounts
14 shall be prohibited within the commonwealth. Manufacturers and wholesalers shall sell the same
15 good at the same price to all clients, regardless of volume. Retail stores shall sell the same good
16 at the same price to all customers. Prices in retail stores shall only fluctuate once every 180 days
17 for non-perishable goods. Government shall not directly control the price or the discount rates,
18 but pricing used by businesses must be uniformly applied and stable;

19 All large-scale rented housing shall be owned and managed by nonprofit corporations
20 subject to universal wage standards. For-profit ownership of housing shall be abolished. No
21 consideration shall be made for investors;

22 Subject to appropriation, a non-profit housing mortgage bank shall be established that
23 lends funds at 0% without fees of any kind. The general fund shall support the overhead of the
24 bank and mortgages shall not exceed 10 years. Local independent banks may participate in this
25 program. The endowments of nonprofit organizations shall be abolished and the funds shall be
26 transferred to the non-profit housing bank;

27 Housing prices shall be set by the municipality's assessor and confirmed by a majority
28 vote of the community. The price of any home shall be kept constant for a minimum period of 15
29 years. All homes vacated shall be sold to the municipality which shall resell the home to new
30 owners. Multi-family homes that are not owner-occupied shall be sold to the municipality which
31 may rent housing at a uniform rate, subject to the same 15 year adjustment period. All private
32 real estate brokering shall be prohibited;

33 For profit hospitals shall be prohibited and they shall be classified as non-profit. No
34 consideration shall be made for investors;

35 Cemeteries and memorials shall be prohibited from expansion of any kind. No new land
36 shall be allocated for use by the dead;

37 All farm land shall be preserved. All mortgages on farmland, ranches or orchards that are
38 involved in the commercial production of food shall be released from any outstanding mortgage
39 and shall remain permanently free of a mortgage;

40 Public services shall be provided on the basis of a quota. Water, electricity, telephone,
41 cable and internet are public utilities and shall be provided without cost to the consumer like the
42 roads, library and schools. These services shall be maintained for the common good not for
43 private profit. Fees shall apply only to usage beyond the quota;

44 All municipalities shall take by eminent domain all commercial property within their
45 borders, except farmland and businesses that are used as owner-occupied housing. Commercial
46 entities shall operate without rent and the municipality shall hold title to the land and buildings,
47 but not the contents contained within. The town shall continue to manage through permits any
48 industries and services the municipality provides and shall assist and encourage citizens to take
49 whatever steps are necessary for the production of material wealth. The municipality shall not
50 evict or harm any existing business, but shall become a partner in ensuring the success of every
51 business. Any violations of standards shall be addressed through remediation, not punishment.
52 All new businesses shall conform to universal wage standards;

53 All large-scale rented housing shall be owned and managed by nonprofit corporations
54 subject to universal wage standards. For-profit ownership of housing is prohibited. No
55 consideration shall be made for investors; and

56 Primary elections and declarations of political party and the scheduling of general
57 elections with preferential voting mechanisms shall be prohibited.

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