

HOUSE No. 4289

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
AND MAINTENANCE TO CONVEY CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF AGAWAM..

*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 sections 40E through 40J, inclusive, of
2 chapter 7 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the
3 commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may convey in fee simple a certain
4 parcel of land and any improvements and structures located thereon formerly known as the
5 Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center located at 702 South Westfield Street in
6 the town of Agawam, consisting of approximately 6.9 acres of land, to United Veterans of
7 America, Inc. d/b/a Soldier On, or its affiliate(s), for the purpose of constructing limited equity
8 cooperative housing for homeless veterans and providing services related thereto; provided,
9 however, that prior to said conveyance, United Veterans of America, Inc. d/b/a Soldier On, or its
10 affiliate(s) shall enter into a historical covenant agreement with the Massachusetts historical
11 commission which shall be filed with the registry of deeds and run with the land in perpetuity.
12 Use and maintenance of the parcel shall be subject to the restrictions and provisions of the
13 historical covenant. The exact boundaries of the parcel shall be determined by the commissioner
14 of the division of capital asset management and maintenance after the completion of a land

15 survey. The consideration for the conveyance shall be \$1. This parcel shall be conveyed by deed
16 without warranties or representations by the commonwealth.

17 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, United Veterans
18 of America, Inc. d/b/a Solider On, or its affiliate(s), shall be responsible for all costs and
19 expenses, including, but not limited to, costs associated with any engineering, appraisals,
20 surveys, and deed preparation related to the conveyance authorized pursuant to this act as such
21 costs may be determined by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and
22 maintenance.