

HOUSE No. 4346

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF LAND TO YACHT CLUBS..

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 40E to 40I of chapter 7 of the General Laws or
2 any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of the division of capital asset
3 management and maintenance may, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of
4 conservation and recreation, lease or enter into other agreements for a term not to exceed 30
5 years with an organization currently operating a yacht club or other boating facility on public
6 park land under the care and control of said department of conservation and recreation for the
7 state-owned buildings and facilities together with the land and appurtenances associated
8 therewith used by said yacht clubs or boating organization as shown in existing records of said
9 department. This authorization shall only apply to the following yacht clubs and other boating
10 organizations and facilities: the Union Boat Club, Boston; the Cambridge Boat Club, Cambridge;
11 the Riverside Boat Club, Cambridge; the Buckingham, Browne & Nichols Boat House,
12 Cambridge; the M.I.T. Boat House, Cambridge; the Belmont Hill/Winsor Boat House,
13 Cambridge; the Tufts University, Medford; the Harvard Sailing Pavilion, Cambridge; the Boston
14 University Sailing Pavilion, Boston; the M.I.T. Sailing Pavilion, Cambridge; the Puritan Canoe

15 Club, Boston; the Neponset Valley Yacht Club, Milton; the Wollaston Yacht Club, Quincy; the
16 Squantum Yacht Club, Quincy; the South Shore Yacht Club, Weymouth; the Charlesgate Yacht
17 Club, Cambridge; the Charles River Yacht Club, Cambridge; the Newton Yacht Club, Newton;
18 the Columbia Yacht Club, Boston; the South Boston Yacht Club, Boston; the Riverside Yacht
19 Club, Medford; the Medford Boat Club, Medford; the Mystic Wellington Yacht Club, Medford;
20 the Watertown Yacht Club, Watertown; the East Boston Yacht Club, Boston; the Dorchester
21 Yacht Club, Dorchester; the Boston Harbor Yacht Club, Boston; the Blessing of the Bay Boat
22 House, Somerville; and the Boston University DeWolfe Boat House, Cambridge. Prior to
23 entering into a lease or other agreement pursuant to this section the commissioner of the division
24 of capital asset management and maintenance shall, in consultation with the commissioner of the
25 department of conservation and recreation, determine the exact boundaries of each parcel after
26 completion of a survey.

27 There shall be, at the discretion of the division of capital asset management and
28 maintenance in accordance with the original contract terms and conditions or contract terms and
29 conditions more favorable to the commonwealth, an option for extension of said lease or other
30 agreement for 5 years.

31 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding sections 40E to 40I of chapter 7 of the General Laws or
32 any other general or special law to the contrary, such leases or other agreements executed
33 pursuant to section 1 shall be on terms and conditions and consideration acceptable to the
34 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance after consultation
35 with the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation; provided, however, that
36 said lease or other agreement shall provide, without limitation, that: (i) the lessees shall manage,
37 operate, improve, repair and maintain the state-owned buildings and facilities together with the

38 land and appurtenances associated therewith during the term of the lease; (ii) the lessee shall
39 carry comprehensive general liability insurance naming the commonwealth as a co-insured,
40 protecting the commonwealth against all claims for personal injury or property damage arising
41 from the state-owned buildings and facilities together with the land and appurtenances associated
42 therewith during the term of the lease; (iii) the lessee shall provide appropriate public access to
43 public park land; (iv) the lessee shall be responsible for outreach and stewardship; and (v) the
44 lessee shall not design or construct any facilities on the parcel without the written approval of the
45 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance and the
46 commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation; provided, however, that the
47 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance and the
48 commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation shall not approve any design or
49 construction project pursuant to this clause unless said commissioners have determined that
50 lessee has sufficient financial resources to complete the project. In determining the consideration
51 for any lease or other agreement pursuant to this section, the commissioner of capital asset
52 management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of
53 conservation and recreation, shall develop a methodology for setting a fair rental payment and
54 with due regard to the criteria used by the department of conservation and recreation for setting
55 existing permit fees for yacht and boating facilities identified in section 1. If a specific lessee
56 does not agree with the rental payment methodology, then the consideration for the lease of that
57 specific parcel shall be the full and fair market value of the parcel as determined by the
58 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with
59 the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation, pursuant to 1 or more
60 independent professional appraisals contracted by the division.

61 SECTION 3. The lease or other agreement shall be prepared in accordance with generally
62 accepted real estate principles and policies of the division of capital asset management and
63 maintenance. The inspector general shall review and approve the lease or other agreement, and
64 his review shall include an examination and approval of the methodology used to determine the
65 consideration for each lease. The commissioner shall, 30 days prior to the execution of any lease
66 or other agreement authorized pursuant to this act, submit the lease to the inspector general for
67 review. The inspector general shall prepare a report of his review of the lease or other agreement
68 and consideration methodology and file the report with the commissioner of the division of
69 capital asset management and maintenance, the commissioner of the department of conservation
70 and recreation the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairmen of the joint
71 committee on state administration and regulatory oversight at least 15 days prior to the execution
72 of said lease or other agreement. All consideration received pursuant to a lease or other
73 agreement executed pursuant to this act shall be deposited in the General Fund.

74 SECTION 4. Each lessee shall be responsible for all costs and expenses, including but
75 not limited to, costs associated with any engineering, surveys, appraisals and lease preparation
76 related to the lease or other agreement authorized pursuant to this act as such costs may be
77 determined by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance.

78 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the
79 provisions of any general or special law or rule or regulation relating to the advertising, bidding
80 or award of contracts, to the procurement of services or to the construction and design of
81 improvements shall not be applicable to any lessee under this act.

82 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, if any of
83 the properties described in section 1 cease to be used at any time for the public purposes
84 described in this act, or is used for any purpose other than the public purposes stated in this act,
85 the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance shall give written
86 notice to the lessee of the unauthorized use. The lessee shall, upon receipt of the notice, have 30
87 days to respond and a reasonable time to establish an authorized use of the parcel. If an
88 authorized use of the parcel is not thereafter established, the lease shall terminate.