

SENATE No. 416

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act creating the blue hills advisory ..

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. Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after
2 section 11C, the following section:-Section 11D. There is hereby established within the
3 department of conservation and recreation an advisory board to be designated as the blue hills
4 advisory board. The board shall consist of eleven members to be appointed by the governor, one
5 of whom shall represent the Appalachian Mountain Club; one member shall represent the
6 Massachusetts Audubon Society; one member shall represent the Friends of the Blue Hills; one
7 member shall represent the Friends of the Trailside Museum; one member shall represent the
8 New England Mountain Bike Association; two members shall represent the Ponkapoag Golf
9 Club; one member shall represent the Sierra Club; and three of whom shall be representative of
10 the horse stable business community that has a fundamental interest in the maintenance and
11 improvement of the Blue Hills Reservation. Each member shall serve for a term of three years.
12 The chairman of the board shall be appointed, from the eleven members, annually by the
13 governor, and in the absence of same shall be designated by the director. Board members shall be
14 appointed or reappointed for terms of three years.

15 The blue hills advisory board shall meet at least quarterly and four members in
16 attendance shall constitute a quorum. The commissioner of the department of conservation and
17 recreation, or their designees, shall attend all meetings of said board and shall provide such
18 information as said board shall request.

19 Said board shall review the budgetary recommendations of the commissioner of the
20 department of conservation and recreation and the secretary of the executive office of
21 environmental affairs concerning the expenditure of state funds allocated to the department of
22 conservation and recreation for the blue hills reservation and the ponkapoag golf course each
23 fiscal year prior to the submission of such recommendations to the secretary or the governor, as
24 the case may be. In the event said board disapproves of any such recommendation it may file a
25 report noting its objection and such report shall be transmitted to the governor and to the house
26 and senate committees on ways and means.