

HOUSE No. 2816

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan Hecht

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring a comparable site for individuals using the fernald pool.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Hecht of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2816) of Jonathan Hecht and John J. Lawn, Jr., for legislation to require a comparable site for individuals using the pool located at the Walter E. Fernald Developmental Center in the town of Waltham upon the closure of said center. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1638 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act requiring a comparable site for individuals using the fernald pool.

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. As used in this chapter the following words shall, have the following
2 meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:—

3 “comparable site” a site which maintains therapeutic pool qualities, including but not
4 limited to maintaining a pool temperature of 90-94 degrees, providing proper chair lifts and
5 ramps, and the presence of qualified staff trained in water safety, lifeguarding and specialized
6 aquatic exercise.

7 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other general or special law or rule or regulation to the
8 contrary, the division of capital asset management shall not close the pool facilities located at the
9 Walter E. Fernald Developmental Center, 200 Trapelo Road, Waltham, until a comparable site
10 has been arranged for individuals from the community who use the pool.