

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3775**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***George N. Peterson, Jr.***

*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 authorizing the Department of Fish and Game to acquire certain parcels of land in the town of Grafton from the Grafton Water District.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>11/18/2013</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>11/19/2013</i>

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George N. Peterson, Jr. and Michael O. Moore that the Grafton water district be authorized to exchange certain parcels of land with the Department of Fish and Game. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act authorizing the Department of Fish and Game to acquire certain parcels of land in the town of Grafton from the Grafton Water District.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize the department of fish and game to exchange a parcel of land in the town of Grafton in return for the conveyance of other land in the same town, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2 commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the  
3 commissioner of the department of fish and game, may exchange a parcel of land identified in  
4 section 2 in return for the conveyance to said department by the Grafton Water District of certain  
5 parcels identified in section 3.

6 SECTION 2. The parcel of land to be conveyed by the department of fish and game is  
7 approximately 1.6 acres in size and is identified by the Grafton Assessors as Map 98, Parcel 121.

8 SECTION 3. The parcels of land to be conveyed by the Grafton Water District to the  
9 department of fish and game are approximately 12.5 acres in size and are identified by the  
10 Grafton Assessors as Map 90, Parcel 9 and Map 82, Parcels 111, 112, and 113.

11 SECTION 4. The relative full and fair market value of the parcels described in section 2  
12 and section 3 shall be determined by the commissioner of the division of capital asset  
13 management and maintenance based on one or more professional appraisals.

14 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the inspector  
15 general shall review and approve the appraisal required pursuant to section 1. The inspector  
16 general may prepare a report of his review of the methodology utilized for the appraisal and may  
17 file the report with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance. Within 15  
18 days after receiving the inspector general's report but not later than 15 before the execution of  
19 any agreement or document under this act, the commissioner may submit the report to the house  
20 and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state administration and  
21 regulatory oversight.

22 SECTION 6. Costs and expenses associated with the transactions authorized by this act,  
23 including appraisal, survey, and recording, shall be borne by the Grafton Water District.

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25 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.