

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3865**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*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 city of New Bedford to enter into a long-term lease for the operation of a performing arts center.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3865) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of New Bedford be authorized to enter into a long-term lease for the operation of a performing arts center. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to enter into a long-term lease for the operation of a performing arts center.

*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 section 3 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, or any other  
2 general or special law to the contrary, the city of New Bedford is hereby authorized to lease the  
3 property located at 680 and 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford or any portion thereof to a  
4 public or private entity for up to 99 years, upon such terms and conditions as the mayor and city  
5 council shall determine to be in the city’s interests, for the purpose of operating a performing arts  
6 center.

7           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws, or any  
8 other general, special or local law to the contrary, the city of New Bedford is hereby authorized,  
9 without commissioning an appraisal or soliciting proposals, to negotiate terms and enter into a  
10 lease for the property described in section 1 and as authorized by section 1, directly with the

11 legal Massachusetts entity responsible for the operation of the Zeiterion Theatre Performing Arts  
12 Center.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.