

HOUSE No. 4833

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 4714). July 2, 2020.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act authorizing the town of Hadley to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of
2 Hadley, acting by and through its board of selectmen acting as the board of water
3 commissioners, pursuant to chapter 714 of the acts of 1971, may convey to Kestrel Land Trust, a
4 nonprofit charitable conservation trust established under the laws of the commonwealth, for no
5 or nominal consideration, a perpetual conservation restriction pursuant to section 31 to 33,
6 inclusive, of chapter 184 of the General Laws on 3 parcels of land owned by the town for water
7 supply purposes and as identified in subsection (b). The purposes of the conservation restriction
8 shall be for: (i) the preservation of the water supply; (ii) fish and wildlife conservation; (iii)
9 native habitat protection; (iv) forest management; (v) outdoor recreation compatible with
10 conservation; and (vi) any other purpose consistent with the purposes of Article 97 of the
11 amendments to the constitution. The conveyance of the conservation restriction shall be on such
12 terms and conditions as the board of selectman acting as the board of water commissioners shall
13 deem appropriate.

14 (b) The 3 parcels of town owned land to be restricted pursuant to subsection (a) are
15 located southerly of Bay road and identified on the town of Hadley board of assessors' maps as
16 follows: (i) map 8, parcel 9, consisting of 42.56 acres, more or less;(ii) map 8, parcel 46,
17 consisting of 78 acres, more or less; and (iii) map 8, parcel 48, consisting of 215 acres, more or
18 less.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.