

HOUSE No. 4983

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 21, 2020.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to an agricultural deed restriction in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4940), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4983).

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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

An Act relative to an agricultural deed restriction in the town of Westborough.

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. Subsection (a) of section 2 of chapter 195 of the acts of 2018 is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the figure “230” the following words:- on all or a portion of the
3 premises described in said deed.

4 SECTION 2. Subsection (b) of said section 2 of said chapter 195 is hereby amended by
5 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The
6 consideration to be paid for the release authorized in subsection (a) shall be the difference
7 between the fair market unrestricted value of the property, or the portion thereof being released
8 from the restriction and reverter if less than the entire parcel, or the value of the proposed use,
9 whichever is greater, and the agricultural fair value as determined by an independent appraisal
10 commissioned by the commissioner.