

HOUSE No. 5368

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 31, 2022.

The committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5254) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the conveyance of certain state owned land to the city of Northampton, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5368) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

ANTONIO F. D. CABRAL.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act further amending Chapter 86 of the Acts of 1994.

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. Chapter 86 of the acts of 1994, as amended by chapter 307 of the acts of
2 1994, is hereby further amended by inserting in section 15A as the third paragraph thereof the
3 following:

4 Notwithstanding the preceding two paragraphs of this section, the parcel of land shown as
5 Parcel C-1 on a plan entitled Plan of Land in Northampton, Massachusetts Hampshire County
6 Prepared for the City of Northampton, dated November 18, 2013, and recorded in the Hampshire
7 Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 15, shall not be subject to the condition that it be used
8 for municipal purposes, and said parcel shall not revert to the care and control of the division of
9 capital planning and operations for failure to use the property for municipal purposes. Upon
10 passage of this act, the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and
11 maintenance shall execute an instrument in a form suitable for recording releasing the municipal
12 purpose restriction from Parcel C-1.

13 SECTION 2. An independent appraisal or appraisals of the fair market value and value in
14 use of the parcel described in section 1 shall be prepared in accordance with the usual and
15 customary professional appraisal practices by a qualified appraiser commissioned by the
16 commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance. Consideration for the grant of the
17 above-described parcel shall be the full and fair market value or the value in proposed use,
18 whichever is greater, as determined by the commissioner of capital asset management. The
19 commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall submit the appraisal or
20 appraisals to the inspector general for his or her review and comment. The inspector general shall
21 review and approve the appraisal or appraisals, and the review examination of the methodology
22 utilized for the appraisal or appraisals. The inspector general shall prepare a report of his or her
23 review and file the report with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance
24 for submission by said commissioner to the house and senate committees on ways and means
25 and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight. Said commissioner
26 shall submit copies of the appraisal or appraisals, and the inspector general's review and
27 approval and comments, if any, to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the
28 joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight at least 15 days prior to the
29 execution of documents described in section 1.

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