HOUSE . . . . No. 3789

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Manny Cruz

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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 relative to the use of public lands by community based organizations.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Manny Cruz	*7th Essex*	*1/20/2023*

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By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3789) of Manny Cruz relative to authorizing municipalities to waive certain fees for the use of municipal-owned land by non-profit and charitable organizations. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

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An Act relative to the use of public lands by community based organizations.

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. The general court finds and declares that it is in the best public interest of

2 the commonwealth to promote the prosperity and general welfare of all citizens by authorizing

3 municipalities in certain circumstances to waive fees they collect for the use of municipal owned

4 land by non-profit and charitable organizations.

5   SECTION 2. Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,

6 is hereby amended by inserting after section 15C the following section:-

7   Section 15D. For any individual person or non-profit or charitable organization seeking

8 to use municipal-owned land to hold an event, a municipality may waive any administrative fee,

9 custodial fee or other fee it generally collects for the use of its land, upon a determination that the

10 event would: (1) result in a community benefit; (2) be in the public interest of the

11 commonwealth; and (3) carry a necessary and valid public purpose for which public money may

12 be expended or invested.