

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4861**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett*

*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 providing for improvements to the metropolitan water supply system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/1/2024</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>7/8/2024</i>

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By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett for legislation to further regulate certain easements granted to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for the extension of the Metrowest water supply. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

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2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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4 Water Resources Authority solely for the construction of: (a) the Norumbega reservoir covered  
5 water storage tank and associated piping, valves and appurtenances for connecting the water tank  
6 to the water system; or (b) a solar photovoltaic system, with or without an energy storage system,  
7 along with such other equipment and appurtenances necessary for interconnecting said system or  
8 systems to the electric grid in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the event that the  
9 Massachusetts Water Resources Authority no longer uses the land described in sections 2 and 3  
10 for the purposes described herein, the land shall revert to its prior status as conservation land. No  
11 portion of the land shall be used for the construction of a water disinfection facility, so-called.

12 Nothing herein shall preclude the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority from using said land  
13 for wetlands replication.

14 SECTION 2. Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, the Massachusetts Water  
15 Resources Authority shall record a certificate reflecting the amendment to chapter 179 of the acts  
16 of 1997 in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds. The certificate shall supplement the existing  
17 certificate recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds at Book 27996 Page 568. The  
18 certificate shall be signed by said authority's executive director before a notary public,  
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