

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3841**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford*

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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 amending the act authorizing the town of Deerfield to construct and operate systems of sewers.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>5/4/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>5/4/2023</i>

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3841) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to the construction and operation of systems of sewers in the town of Deerfield. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act amending the act authorizing the town of Deerfield to construct and operate systems of sewers.

*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. Section 3 of chapter 343 of the acts of 1935 is hereby amended throughout  
2 by changing the term "board of selectmen" to "selectboard."

3 SECTION 2. Said chapter 343 is hereby further amended by striking out section 5 and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

5 Section 5. The town shall, by vote, determine what proportion of the cost of said system  
6 or systems of sewerage and sewage disposal the town shall pay, provided that it shall pay not  
7 more than 25 per cent (25%). In providing for the payment of the remaining portion of the cost  
8 of said system or systems or for the use of said system or systems, the town, through its select  
9 board acting as the sewer commissioners, may avail itself of any or all of the methods permitted  
10 by General Laws and the provisions of said General Laws relative to the assessment,  
11 apportionment, division, reassessment, abatement and collection of sewer assessments, to liens

12 therefor and to interest thereon, shall apply to assessments made under this act. The collector of  
13 taxes of said town shall certify the payment or payments of such assessments or apportionments  
14 thereof to the said selectboard, which shall preserve a record thereof.

15 SECTION 3. The first sentence of section 10 of said chapter 343 is hereby amended by  
16 striking out the words “not exceeding twenty dollars,” and inserting in place thereof the  
17 following words:- in accordance with the General Laws and any bylaw adopted by the town,.

18 SECTION 4. That the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only  
19 to the bill, unless the Selectboard approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the  
20 General Court; and provided further that the Selectboard is hereby authorized to approve  
21 amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

22 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.