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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 18, 2025.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill authorizing the commonwealth to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Upton acquired for conservation and recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2576), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4766.

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:–

Chapter 156 of the acts of 2005 is hereby amended by striking out sections 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

Section 1. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of conservation and recreation, may convey 2 parcels of land located off Maple avenue in the town of Upton, which are portions of land acquired by the commonwealth for conservation and recreation purposes by deeds recorded in the Worcester county register of deeds in book 2651, page 81 and in book 2646, page 147, to the Upton Development Group, Ltd. or its nominee. The parcels are currently under the care, custody and control of the department and are shown on a plan of land entitled “Approval Not Required Plan of Land Maple Avenue, Hartford Avenue, Glen Avenue Upton, Massachusetts, Worcester County” dated October 7, 2013 and prepared by Geo/Network Land Survey, Inc. The exact boundaries of the parcels shall be determined by the commissioner in consultation with the department.

Section 2. (a) In consideration for the conveyance of the parcels pursuant to section 1, the Upton Development Group, Ltd. or its nominee shall convey, subject to subsection (b), to the

division of capital asset management and maintenance 2 parcels of land, which shall be placed under the care, custody and control of the department of conservation and recreation to be used for conservation purposes. The parcels are shown as parcel 1B and parcel 3B on the plan of land referenced in section 1. The exact boundaries of the parcels shall be determined by the commissioner in consultation with the department and the Upton Development Group, Ltd. or its nominee.

(b) If either parcel 1B or parcel 3B or both are determined to be unacceptable to the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of conservation and recreation, due to environmental contamination, the Upton Development Group, Ltd. or its nominee shall convey to the division alternative suitable replacement land of equal or greater acreage and natural resource value as parcel 1B and parcel 3B that is acceptable to the division, in consultation with the department. The parcels shall be placed under the care, custody and control of the department and shall be used for conservation purposes.