

HOUSE No. 5192

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 2026.

The committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5047) of John H. Rogers and others that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land in the town of Norwood, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5192) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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

An Act authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to take by eminent domain certain land in the town of Norwood.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize and direct forthwith the division of capital asset management and maintenance to take a certain parcel of land in the town of Norwood, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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

1 Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 79 of the General Laws and any other general or
2 special law to the contrary, the division of capital asset management and maintenance shall, for
3 the purpose of ensuring access to health care for the public, take by eminent domain, pursuant to
4 said chapter 79: (1) a certain parcel of land, commonly known as Norwood hospital, owned by
5 MPT of Norwood-Steward, LLC located at 800 Washington street in the town of Norwood
6 identified on the town of Norwood assessor’s map as map 2, lot 6-1 and being one of the parcels
7 described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk county registry of deeds in book 36099, page 419;
8 and (2) any adjacent parcels of land owned by MPT of Norwood-Steward, LLC as necessary to
9 effectuate the purposes of this act. Upon the completion of such taking, the division shall transfer
10 control of the parcels of land so taken to the department of public health for disposition to a

- 11 qualified nonprofit hospital operator in order to effectuate said purpose of ensuring access to
- 12 health care for the public.