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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 Veterans Memorial Rink located in the city of Waltham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*3/16/2026*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*	*3/31/2026*

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By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to provide the city of Waltham with a right of first refusal over the lease of the Veterans Memorial rink in said city. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Veterans Memorial Rink located in the city of Waltham.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to direct forthwith the division of capital asset management and maintenance to provide the city of Waltham with a right of first refusal for the lease of Veterans Memorial rink in the city of Waltham, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

(a) Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws, section 52 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2024 and any other general or special law to the contrary, the division of capital asset management and maintenance shall provide the city of Waltham with a right of first refusal over the lease of the Veterans Memorial rink in the city of Waltham authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of said section 52 of said chapter 206 provided that the city meets the prequalification standards set forth in subsection (b).

(b) Before the division sends out a request for proposals for lease of the Veterans Memorial rink in the city of Waltham pursuant to subsection (c) of said section 52 of said

chapter 206, the division shall solicit a prequalification proposal from the city for said lease. The division's prequalification solicitation shall be sent in writing to the clerk and mayor of the city of Waltham and shall seek information to address: (1) the ability of the city to finance any capital improvements determined to be necessary at the rink by the division and to manage, operate and maintain the property; and (2) the terms and conditions set forth in said subsection (c) of said section 52 of said chapter 206. No later than 30 days after receipt of the prequalification solicitation, the city may submit a prequalification proposal to the division. No later than 15 days after receipt of the prequalification proposal from the city, the division shall determine whether the city's proposal satisfies the requirements of the solicitation. If the division determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements of the solicitation, the city shall be considered prequalified and the city shall be awarded the lease for the Veterans Memorial rink in the city of Waltham under the terms and conditions set forth in said section 52 of said chapter 206 for nominal consideration.

(c) If the city fails to apply for prequalification under subsection (b) or is determined not to be prequalified under subsection (b), the division shall proceed with a request for proposal pursuant to subsection (c) of said section 52 of said chapter 206; provided, however, that the city may submit a bid in response to the request for proposal and the division shall consider the city's bid.