

HOUSE No. 5363

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Leigh Davis and Paul W. Mark

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 modernizing the lease authorization for East Mountain State Forest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Leigh Davis</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/10/2026</i>

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By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis for legislation to authorize the Department of Conservation and Recreation to extend the lease authorization for East Mountain State Forest. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

An Act modernizing the lease authorization for East Mountain State Forest.

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. The first paragraph of chapter 86 of the acts of 1975 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The
3 commissioner of conservation and recreation may lease, for a period of 30 years with a provision
4 for renewal periods of an additional 30 year term or less, a parcel of land, hereinafter described,
5 in East Mountain state forest, for the support of skiing facilities and other seasonal or year-round
6 natural resource-based outdoor recreational activities, subject to the approval of the
7 commissioner, provided, however, that said lease shall contain a fair rental fee as determined by
8 the commissioner.

9 SECTION 2. All other provisions of chapter 86 of the acts of 1975 shall remain in full
10 force and effect.