

HOUSE No. 5567

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 8, 2026.

The committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5315) 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, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5567) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ANTONIO F. D. CABRAL.

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

An Act DCR Skating Rink Leases.

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 52 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by adding the following
2 subsection:

3 (f) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to the solicitation
4 process under subsection (c) for leasing the ice skating rinks and facilities listed in subsection
5 (a), the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the
6 department of conservation and recreation, shall notify in writing the municipality in which the
7 ice skating rink is located of its intention to lease the property and shall offer to lease and enter
8 into other agreements with said municipality under terms and conditions that the commissioner,
9 in consultation with the department, considers appropriate, including with regard to rent and
10 other consideration; provided however that the lease shall be for a term not to exceed 30 years
11 and consistent with the conditions established in: (i) subsection (b); (ii) clauses (i) to (xi),
12 inclusive, of the first sentence of subsection (c); and (iii) subsection (d). If the commissioner of
13 capital asset management and maintenance receives written notice from the municipality of its
14 intention to enter into a lease and other agreements within 30 days of the date of the

15 commissioner's written notice, the municipality and the commissioner, in consultation with the
16 department of conservation and recreation, shall promptly commence negotiations of the lease
17 and other agreements for the use, operation, maintenance, repair and improvement of the state-
18 owned ice skating rink and facility.