

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Blais 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 establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5066 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway.

*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. (a) Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any  
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Conway may establish a special fund for  
3 the deposit of any proceeds from the annual festival of the hills, any state, federal or other grants  
4 and any local appropriations for such purpose. Interest earned on the fund shall be treated as  
5 general fund revenue for the town. Any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall carry  
6 over to the next fiscal year and thereafter if not then expended for the purposes set forth in this  
7 act.

8 (b) Proceeds from the fund shall be used at the discretion of the festival of the hills  
9 committee of the town of Conway without further appropriation: (1) to pay all expenses for the  
10 festival of the hills event in the town of Conway; (2) thereafter a portion or all of the remaining  
11 net balance in the fund in any given year may be expended at the discretion of the festival of the

12 hills committee as scholarship grants to graduating high school seniors in the town of Conway to  
13 further their education or training; provided that, no funds received pursuant to local  
14 appropriation shall be used for scholarship purposes; and (3) any remaining balance to be used  
15 for the purposes set forth above.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.