

**Massachusetts House of Representatives
Bill Summary**

Bill #: H.3897

Title: An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to enter into a lease extension to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership

Sponsor: Rep. Bruce Ayers

Committee: Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: June 24, 2025

Current Law: **MGL Chapter 40** concerns the rights and powers of municipalities. Section 3 of Chapter 40 states that cities and towns may only lease municipal property for a period of no more than thirty years, with some exceptions for school property and other forms.

Chapter 30B is the Uniform Procurement Act, which details how municipalities must conduct contract and lease negotiations in order to ensure fair business practices. Section 5 of Chapter 30B requires municipalities to comply with a public bidding procedure for all contracts valued above \$50,000.

Chapter 50 of the Acts of 1994 authorizes the City of Quincy to lease the property in question to Quarry Hills Associates for fifty years.

Summary: **Section 1** authorizes the City of Quincy to extend the lease of the municipality's former municipal sanitary landfill (and adjacent parcels) to Quarry Hills Associates for up to fifty years, as authorized by Chapter 50 of the Acts of 1994 and notwithstanding Chapters 40 and 30B of the MGL.

Section 2 states that this act shall take effect upon passage.

Notes: Quarry Hills Associates is the incumbent managing entity of the property in question.

Approved unanimously by City Council during meeting dated December 16, 2024.