

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2840**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 providing for transfers of land in Westfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John C. Velis*

*Donald F. Humason, Jr.*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Hampden*

*Second Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2840) of John C. Velis and Donald F. Humason, Jr. that the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of land, in the city of Westfield, to the office of the chief medical examiner for construction purposes. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act providing for transfers of land in Westfield.

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

1 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS OF LAND IN WESTFIELD

2 Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to  
3 facilitate the use of state property for critical public functions, therefore it is hereby declared to  
4 be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

7 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
8 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with  
9 the chief medical examiner and the commissioner of the department of public health, may  
10 transfer to the chief medical examiner a parcel of land and improvements thereon and easements

11 appurtenant thereto in the city of Westfield to the office of the chief medical examiner for the  
12 construction of a regional facility for the use of the chief medical examiner. The parcel is  
13 currently in the care and control of the department of public health and is located on the westerly  
14 side of East Mountain road north of the western Massachusetts hospital. The parcel contains  
15 approximately 7.7 acres of land and is improved with a storage building having an address of  
16 240 East Mountain Road. The exact boundaries of the parcel and any appurtenant easements  
17 shall be determined by the division of capital asset management and maintenance based on a  
18 final survey. The transfer agreement may provide that the existing storage building and other  
19 buildings on the parcel may continue to be used by the department of public health until such  
20 time as they are no longer needed by said department.

21           SECTION 2. Upon construction of the regional facility referenced in section 1, the  
22 division of capital asset management and maintenance may assume the control and supervision  
23 of the management, repair, and maintenance operations of the facility and other improvements to  
24 the extent agreed upon between the commissioner and the chief medical examiner, with the  
25 approval of the secretary of administration and finance. Upon approval of any such agreement,  
26 the secretary of administration and finance shall forthwith file a written notice with the  
27 comptroller and the house and senate committees on ways and means, specifying the scope of the  
28 authority so granted to the division and the duration thereof. Where the commissioner has  
29 assumed such control and supervision, the commissioner shall make quarterly reports to the  
30 secretary of administration and finance on the status of such maintenance, management and  
31 repair operations so assumed.

32           SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
33 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with

34 the commissioner of the department of youth services and the commissioner of the department of  
35 public health, may transfer from the department of public health to the department of youth  
36 services a parcel of land for the use of the department of youth services. The parcel is located on  
37 the easterly side of East Mountain road at the intersection of Springfield road in the town of  
38 Westfield. Said parcel consists of approximately 3.6± acres of land and is improved with the  
39 facility known as the Hampden county secure detention facility which is being used by the  
40 department of youth services. The boundaries of said parcel shall be determined by the  
41 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance based on a survey.

42 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
43 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with  
44 the commissioner of the department of youth services and the commissioner of the department of  
45 public health, may transfer from the department of youth services to the department of public  
46 health an unimproved parcel of land in the town of Westfield consisting of approximately 3.0±  
47 acres adjacent to the easterly boundary of the parcel described in section 3 and adjacent to the  
48 southerly side of property of the western Massachusetts hospital. The parcel shall used for  
49 public health purposes. The boundaries of said parcel shall be determined by the commissioner  
50 of the division of capital asset management and maintenance based on a survey.