

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Daniel E. Bosley**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the development of underused state owned property and the disposition of state owned surplus real property.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERUSED STATE OWNED PROPERTY AND THE DISPOSITION OF STATE OWNED SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make to authorize the development of underused state owned real property and the disposition of certain surplus real property, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as  
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-
- 3           Section 1. As used in this chapter the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise,  
4 have the following meanings:-
- 5           "Commissioner", the commissioner of administration.
- 6           "Eligibility", written criteria established before a request for applications that are used to determine if an  
7 application for an award of grant program resources is acceptable.
- 8           "Finance committee", the committee of the executive council appointed to consider matters of finance.

9 "Grant program", financial or technical assistance provided by a state agency or state authority, as defined  
10 in section 1 of chapter 29, available to a city, town or other public or private entity otherwise eligible.

11 "Grant program fiscal statement", shall include: (1) a description of the substance of the application; (2)  
12 the average expected grant amount; (3) a listing of award recipients, including the award amount, if any,  
13 the fiscal year of the award and the date of award; (4) the estimated proportion of monies, in-kind match  
14 or other monies to be supplied by the award recipient and any other source from which such match will be  
15 required; (5) a description of the allocation formula and matching requirements, including whether the  
16 grant is distributed on the basis of a specified formula or at the grantor's discretion; (6) a description of  
17 any constraints placed on the use of the grant; and (7) contact information, including the telephone  
18 number, postal address and internet email address to facilitate the application process.

19 "Grant program reference", a description in electronic format that is retrievable and printable that shall  
20 include: (1) the grant program application; (2) the grant program eligibility criteria; (3) the application  
21 due date; and (4) the grant program fiscal statement.

22 For the purposes of sections 39B to 43J, inclusive, the following words shall, unless the context clearly  
23 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

24 "Affordable housing", housing that is affordable for rental or purchase by families or individuals whose  
25 income at initial occupancy is equal to or less than 100 per cent of the median area income as determined  
26 by the United States secretary of housing and urban development for federal housing programs.

27 "Agency", the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, a body politic and corporate entity  
28 established by section 2 of chapter 23G.

29 "Commissioner", the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance.

30 "Committee", the state surplus land coordinating committee established pursuant to section 40F.

31 "Direct public use", use of real property by a governmental or quasi-governmental entity including, but  
32 not limited to, the commonwealth, any municipality within the commonwealth, or any authority or district  
33 within the commonwealth, or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and, with respect to any use of  
34 real property by a private non-profit organization, any use of the real property for affordable housing  
35 production, community economic development, historic preservation or for open space acquisition or  
36 preservation.

37 "Host municipality", the municipality or municipalities within which state owned real property conveyed,  
38 leased or otherwise transferred pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is located.

39 “Net cash proceeds”, all payments paid to the commonwealth as and when paid, less any transaction-  
40 related expenses incurred by the division of capital asset management and maintenance, the  
41 Massachusetts Development Finance Agency and the regional planning agency for which it is not  
42 otherwise reimbursed, including, but not limited to, costs associated with the disposal or pre-development  
43 of the real property wherefrom the funds originated including, but not limited to, appraisals, surveys, site  
44 evaluation, site preparation, plans, recordings, smart growth review and feasibility and other marketing  
45 studies and any other expenses relating to the disposal or project management services in connection with  
46 any reuse or redevelopment of the real property pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, and less any  
47 amounts that may be owing to the federal government as a result of the disposition.

48 “Real property”, as defined in section 39A.

49 “State agency”, as defined in said section 39A.

50 “Surplus real property”, real property of the commonwealth: (1) previously determined to be surplus to  
51 current and foreseeable state needs pursuant to this chapter, but excluding real property for which there is  
52 an established local reuse plan; or (2) determined by the state surplus land coordinating committee to be  
53 surplus to current and foreseeable state needs pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

54 SECTION 2. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out section 40E, as so appearing, and  
55 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

56 Section 40E. Real property, record title to which is held in the name of a state agency or the board of  
57 trustees of a state agency or similar board of a state agency, shall be deemed to be the real property of the  
58 commonwealth. No deed or other instrument shall be required to effect the transfer to the commonwealth  
59 of title to such real property, but the land court department of the trial court shall, upon petition of the  
60 division of capital asset management and maintenance, issue in the name of the commonwealth a  
61 certificate of title to any real property, title to which is registered under chapter 185 in the name of a state  
62 agency or the board of trustees of a state agency or similar board of a state agency. Notwithstanding any  
63 general or special law to the contrary, no person shall acquire any rights by prescription or adverse  
64 possession in any lands or rights in lands held in the name of the commonwealth.

65 The commissioner and the committee shall exercise the powers stated in this chapter, notwithstanding the  
66 delegations which the general court has made pertaining to the acquisition, control, and disposition of real  
67 property, including section 19 of chapter 16; section 1 of chapter 19; section 7 of chapter 19A; sections  
68 9A, 13, and 30 of chapter 21; sections 2 and 9 of chapter 21A; sections 8 and 26 of chapter 23A; section 7  
69 of chapter 23B; section 3 of chapter 28A; section 41 of chapter 29; sections 4 and 5 of chapter 29A;  
70 sections 11, 12, 25, 26, and 27 of chapter 75; sections 7, 7A, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7G, 7H, 7L, 7M, 11, 13A, and  
71 13B of chapter 81; section 7 of chapter 82; section 4 of chapter 83; section 39B of chapter 90; sections 2,

72 3, 5, and 6 of chapter 91; sections 9A, 13, 33, 34, 77 to 85, inclusive, 87, and 88 of chapter 92; sections  
73 62R, 83, and 86 of chapter 111; section 5 of chapter 111B; section 8 of chapter 115A; sections 1 and 2 of  
74 chapter 120; section 5 of chapter 122; section 10 of chapter 124; section 2 of chapter 147; sections 31 and  
75 32 of chapter 184; provided, however, that the commissioner shall acquire, control and dispose of real  
76 property in accordance with the terms and purposes of the aforementioned provisions. The commissioner  
77 shall not make any acquisition of real property on behalf of a state agency by eminent domain or make  
78 any such delegation of power to acquire real property by eminent domain to any state agency unless such  
79 state agency is otherwise authorized by law to exercise the power of eminent domain. The commissioner  
80 may delegate to state agencies responsibility for the acquisition and control of real property as provided  
81 for in this chapter. When responsibility is delegated to a state agency, the written approval of the  
82 commissioner shall be required before the transaction is completed, and a copy of said written approval  
83 shall be sent to the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets.

84 For the purposes of sections 40F to 40L, inclusive, the term "emergency" shall mean any situation caused  
85 by unforeseen circumstances which render currently used real property unusable or unavailable for the  
86 purposes intended and which creates an immediate need for other real property to preserve the health or  
87 safety of persons or real property.

88 SECTION 3. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out section 40F, as so appearing, and  
89 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

90 Section 40F. (a) There shall be established a state surplus land coordinating committee, hereinafter the  
91 committee. The committee shall consist of 11 members, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of the executive  
92 office of administration and finance or his designee; 1 whom shall be the secretary of the executive office  
93 of transportation and construction or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of the executive office  
94 of economic development or his designee, provided his designee is the director of the Massachusetts  
95 office of business development; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of the executive office of environmental  
96 affairs or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the director of the department of housing and community  
97 development or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of the division of capital asset  
98 management and maintenance or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the director of the Massachusetts  
99 municipal association or his designee; 1 of whom shall be chair of the commonwealth development  
100 coordinating council or his designee; and 1 of whom shall be the chief executive officer of the  
101 Massachusetts development finance authority or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the chair of the board  
102 of directors of the Massachusetts association of regional planning agencies or his designee; and 1 of  
103 whom shall be the president of the Massachusetts association of community development corporations or  
104 his designee.

105 The committee shall meet from time to time and shall advise and direct the commissioner on all real  
106 property being considered for surplus designation and on the appropriate disposition of such real property,  
107 including but not limited to, whether the real property should be declared surplus, the potential reuses for  
108 the real property, including, but not limited to, its suitability for housing development, economic  
109 development or preservation as open space, and what restrictions, if any, should be placed on its use and  
110 development.

111 The committee shall annually submit a written report of its activities not later than December 31. Said  
112 report shall be submitted to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
113 chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets, the chairs of the joint  
114 committee on economic development and emerging technologies, and the clerks of the senate and the  
115 house of representatives.

116 (b) The commissioner, upon the approval of the committee, shall be responsible for the disposition of real  
117 property in the manner and to the extent provided in this chapter. The commissioner may delegate such  
118 responsibility to an administrator who has 10 years of experience in the management of commercial,  
119 industrial, institutional or public real property. When responsibility is delegated to an administrator the  
120 written approval of the commissioner shall be required before such transaction is finalized.

121 (c) The commissioner shall, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, convey, lease for a term not to  
122 exceed 99 years, transfer or otherwise dispose of real property to the agency or the host municipality or,  
123 upon the approval of the committee, convey, lease for a term not to exceed 99 years, transfer or otherwise  
124 dispose of surplus real property as specified in this chapter.

125 The commissioner shall provide such administrative support to the committee as the committee may  
126 request.

127 SECTION 4. Said chapter 7, is hereby further amended by inserting after section 40F the following  
128 section:-

129 Section 40F½. (a) The commissioner shall recommend to the committee for surplus designation any real  
130 property owned by the commonwealth that is not required for use by any state agency or executive office  
131 and which in his judgment should be declared surplus real property subject to disposition by the  
132 commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that prior to  
133 recommending that a parcel of real property be declared surplus, the commissioner shall determine  
134 whether any state agency or executive office has a current or foreseeable need for the real property. In  
135 order to establish whether there exists a current or foreseeable need, the commissioner shall provide  
136 written notice and inquiry to the heads of state agencies and secretaries of the executive offices who shall  
137 have 30 days to submit a written response indicating that the real property is necessary for a specific

138 current or foreseeable need of such agency or executive office. If no agency or executive office submits  
139 such a response within 30 days of receiving said notice, the commissioner shall recommend to the  
140 committee that the real property be declared surplus real property subject to disposal by the  
141 commonwealth in a manner consistent with the provisions of this chapter. In the event that a written  
142 response from a state agency or executive office is timely received specifying a current or foreseeable  
143 need for the real property, the commissioner shall, within 30 days and in consultation with the secretary  
144 of administration and finance and with any affirmatively responding state agency or executive office: (1)  
145 determine whether the real property shall be made available for the current use of a state agency or  
146 executive office; (2) determine whether the real property shall be retained on account of a foreseeable use  
147 by a state agency or executive office; provided, however, upon a determination that a parcel of real  
148 property is surplus to current state uses, but not to foreseeable state uses, the commissioner shall take such  
149 action as is necessary to ensure that any disposition of the real property is temporary and said action shall  
150 maintain the commissioner's ability to make such real property available to a state agency or executive  
151 office at such time as it may be needed; or (3) notwithstanding the current or foreseeable need of the  
152 responding state agency or executive office, recommend to the committee that the real property should be  
153 declared surplus real property subject to disposal by the commonwealth in a manner consistent with the  
154 provisions of this chapter.

155 Within 10 days of providing written notice and inquiry to the heads of state agencies and secretaries of the  
156 executive offices as required by this section, the commissioner shall, for informational purposes, provide  
157 written notification to the host municipality that the real property may be declared surplus pursuant to the  
158 provisions of this chapter. Said notice shall be sent to the city manager in the case of a city under a Plan E  
159 form of government, the mayor and city council in the case of all other cities, the chairman of the board of  
160 selectmen in the case of a town, the county commissioners, the regional planning agency, and the  
161 representatives to the general court representing said host municipality. The commissioner shall set forth  
162 in such notice a description of the real property and a declaration that the real property is being considered  
163 for surplus designation.

164 (b) The commissioner shall file a report with the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and  
165 state assets which shall include the commissioner's recommendation as to the proposed designation of  
166 said real property as surplus. Within 30 days of said filing, the joint committee shall hold a public hearing  
167 on the commissioner's proposed designation. Thereafter, said joint committee shall report its findings to  
168 the general court together with legislation within 30 days of said public hearing, and shall provide a copy  
169 of said findings and legislation to the commissioner; provided, further, that prior to recommending to the  
170 committee that the real property be declared surplus to current and foreseeable state uses, there shall be an  
171 affirmative vote of the General Court enacting legislation.

172 The commissioner shall establish the value of real property using customarily accepted appraisal  
173 methodologies. The value shall be calculated both for (i) the highest and best use of the real property as  
174 currently zoned, and (ii) subject to uses, restrictions and encumbrances as may be defined by the general  
175 court and the committee. Appraisals under this paragraph shall be conducted by an independent licensed  
176 appraiser. In no instance in which the commonwealth retains responsibility for maintaining the real  
177 property shall the terms provide for payment of less than the annual maintenance costs.

178 (c) Prior to recommending to the committee that the real property be declared surplus to current and  
179 foreseeable state uses the commissioner shall, within 10 days of the general court's action as required by  
180 subsection (b), provide simultaneous written notification to the host municipality, the agency and the  
181 regional planning agency for the region where the real property is located indicating that the real property  
182 is available. For parcels of real property larger than 2 acres or valued at more than \$1,000,000 the  
183 commissioner shall commission the regional planning agency for the region where the real property is  
184 located to conduct a smart growth reuse review. Said review shall consider a need for a variety of housing  
185 options, economic development and open space; current and prospective zoning of the site; the need for  
186 municipal capital facilities and public uses; impact of traffic and transit; impact on the environment and  
187 natural resources and on agricultural lands; existence of historically significant structures; availability of  
188 infrastructure, including water supply, waste water and storm water run-off; fiscal impact of the  
189 development on the host municipality; remediation of contamination; and other smart growth  
190 implications. The regional planning agency shall complete the review within 60 days.

191 (d) Upon receipt of the notification pursuant to subsection (c) the host municipality shall have a right of  
192 first refusal to purchase the real property pursuant to the conditions established in this section. The host  
193 municipality shall have the right of first refusal to purchase the real property for a direct public use at 85  
194 per cent of the fair market value of the real property as established pursuant to this chapter. The host  
195 municipality shall have the right of first refusal to purchase the real property for a purpose other than a  
196 direct public use at fair market value as established pursuant to this chapter. Such right of first refusal  
197 must be exercised, if at all, by the host municipality within 210 days of receipt of such notice by  
198 providing written notification to the commissioner of the host municipality's intent to purchase the real  
199 property. The host municipality shall then have an additional 180 days from its exercise of its right of first  
200 refusal to close on the purchase of the real property. In the event that a host municipality fails to close on  
201 the purchase of the real property within such time, the sole remedy of the commonwealth against the host  
202 municipality for such failure is to proceed with the disposition of the real property without further right of  
203 purchase by the host municipality; provided, however, that if said failure to close on the purchase of the  
204 real property was in bad faith, the commonwealth shall not be required to share proceeds of the sale of  
205 said real property with the host municipality as required by section 2ZZZ of chapter 29. The  
206 commissioner, at his discretion, may negotiate with a host municipality exercising its right of first refusal



207 flexible financing arrangements to facilitate the purchase of the real property under this section; provided,  
208 however, that no such arrangements shall provide for a period of more than 5 years for all payments due  
209 under this section. A host municipality exercising a right of first refusal as provided herein may engage  
210 the services of the agency to perform planning, feasibility, marketing, and other studies or to provide  
211 project management services in connection with any reuse or redevelopment of the real property.

212 A host municipality shall be permitted to assign its right of first refusal to purchase the real property for a  
213 direct public use at 85 per cent of the fair market value of the real property as established pursuant to this  
214 chapter to a non-profit organization for a direct public use of said organization. Such assignment must be  
215 made by the host municipality, if at all, within 210 days of receipt of notification pursuant to subsection  
216 (c), the assignee non-profit organization must exercise said right, if at all, within 90 days of assignment of  
217 such right by the host municipality by providing written notification to the commissioner of the assignee  
218 non-profit organization's intent to purchase the real property. The assignee non-profit organization shall  
219 then have an additional 90 days from its exercise of said assignment by the host municipality to close on  
220 the purchase of the real property. In the event that the assignee non-profit organization fails to close on  
221 the purchase of the real property within such time, the sole remedy of the commonwealth against the host  
222 municipality for such failure is to proceed with the disposition of the real property without further right of  
223 purchase by the host municipality; provided, however, that if said failure to close on the purchase of the  
224 real property was in bad faith, the commonwealth shall not be required to share proceeds of the sale of  
225 said real property with the host municipality as required by section 2ZZZ of chapter 29.

226 If the host municipality or its assignee acquires any portion of the real property for open space purposes,  
227 or if any of the real property is restricted for open space purposes, a conservation restriction pursuant to  
228 chapter 184 of the general laws shall be retained by the commonwealth on such parcels.

229 (e) Upon receipt of the notification required pursuant to subsection (c) the agency shall have 180 days to  
230 determine whether the agency will acquire title to, or another interest in, said real property and to provide  
231 such notice to the commissioner; provided, however, that the agency shall send preliminary notification to  
232 the commissioner within 30 days of its receipt of such notice stating its intention to decline title to, or  
233 other interest in, said real property or to undertake a due diligence review within such 180 day period. The  
234 preliminary notification shall not be binding upon the agency. The agency's determination whether to  
235 accept title to, or an interest in, said real property shall be based on an analysis as to the feasibility and  
236 need for the development, operation or maintenance of the real property, in whole or in part, substantially  
237 for institutional, governmental, industrial, or commercial uses which will prevent or eliminate blight,  
238 economic dislocation, economic distress, or unemployment, or for such other public purposes as the  
239 agency may determine. The agency shall, within 21 days of receipt of a request from the host  
240 municipality or the regional planning agency, provide said host municipality and the regional planning  
241 agency any information acquired from its analysis of the real property, including but not limited to,

242 appraisals, surveys, site evaluations, site preparation, plans, recordings, smart growth review and any  
243 other work product relating to pre-development or development of the real property pursuant to the  
244 provisions of this chapter.

245 If the agency elects to acquire title to, or another interest in, the real property through a conveyance, a  
246 lease not to exceed 99 years, a rental or transfer, the agency shall so notify the commissioner within said  
247 180 day time period by providing an offer to acquire such real property. The offer shall include a  
248 proposed redevelopment plan and a purchase or lease price for the real property determined by using  
249 customarily accepted appraisal methodologies and subject to uses, restrictions and encumbrances as may  
250 be determined by the general court and the commissioner. The agency shall also send its proposed  
251 redevelopment plan to the host municipality and the regional planning agency serving the area where the  
252 real property is located.

253 The agency and commissioner shall execute a mutually acceptable land disposition agreement not sooner  
254 than 35 days after the expiration of its 180 day option to purchase as provided for in this section or not  
255 sooner than 10 days and not later than 90 days, unless extended by a mutual agreement of the parties,  
256 after the host municipality declines to exercise or assign its right of first refusal to purchase the real  
257 property. Such land disposition agreement shall be subject to the agency securing all necessary state and  
258 local permits and approvals, and subject to a satisfactory environmental review. If the agency and the  
259 commissioner do not execute a mutually acceptable land disposition agreement in such time period, or at  
260 the conclusion of an arbitrator's review, as applicable, the commissioner may dispose of the real property  
261 in a manner consistent with the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that the commissioner shall  
262 not unreasonably withhold his acceptance of a bona fide offer from the agency. If the agency is aggrieved  
263 by a decision of the commissioner, it may appeal to the committee within 15 days. The committee shall,  
264 within 15 days appoint an independent arbitrator to review the proposal. The arbitrator shall have 30 days  
265 to conduct said review. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon the commissioner and the  
266 agency.

267 The agency may acquire an interest in real property only after approval of a redevelopment plan for such  
268 real property by the board of directors of the agency; provided, however, that prior to the submission of  
269 said redevelopment plan to the board for approval, the agency shall conduct a public hearing in the host  
270 municipality to allow for local input on the redevelopment plan and as to the potential reuses for the real  
271 property, including, but not limited to, its suitability for economic development, job creation, or  
272 preservation as open space, and what reuse restrictions, if any, should be imposed on its use and  
273 development. The agency shall publish notice of the hearing in the central register published by the state  
274 secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 within 30 days of the date of the hearing. Notification of  
275 the public hearing shall also be sent to the host municipality. Said notice shall be sent to the city manager  
276 in the case of a city under a Plan E form of government, the mayor and city council in the case of all other

277 cities, the chairman of the board of selectmen in the case of a town, the county commissioners, the  
278 regional planning agency, and the representatives to the general court representing said host municipality.  
279 The agency shall set forth in such notice a description of the real property, a copy of the proposed  
280 redevelopment plan and the date of the public hearing. A notice of the public hearing shall also be placed,  
281 at least once each week for the 4 consecutive weeks preceding the hearing, in newspapers with sufficient  
282 circulation to inform the people of the host municipality. The hearing shall be held in the host  
283 municipality not sooner than 30 days and not later than 35 days after the notice is published in the central  
284 register.

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286 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, any real property transferred to the  
287 agency through either a conveyance or lease shall be designated by the economic assistance coordinating  
288 council as an economic target area, an economic opportunity area, and a certified project, as those terms  
289 are defined in section 3A of chapter 23A, and such real property shall be eligible for all the incentives and  
290 benefits provided by the economic development incentive program.

291 (f) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the agency is authorized to employ  
292 alternative methods of procurement relative to the planning, design, demolition, construction,  
293 reconstruction, improvement, renovation, enlargement, expansion, remodeling, repair or build-out of any  
294 and all facilities, as may be useful or necessary from time to time in connection with the redevelopment of  
295 such real property by the agency in furtherance of this chapter, including, without limitation, turnkey,  
296 design-build, lease, lease purchase or utilization of modular buildings.

297 The acquisition, procurement, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation,  
298 enlargement, expansion, remodeling, alteration, repair, build-out, development, financing, management,  
299 maintenance, operation or leasing of all or any portion of a redevelopment project undertaken by the  
300 agency in furtherance of this chapter and any contract for construction and design or other consulting  
301 services for or relating to, the construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation, enlargement,  
302 expansion, remodeling, alteration, repair, build-out, development, financing, management, maintenance,  
303 operation or leasing of all or any portion of real property by the agency pursuant to this chapter shall be  
304 exempt from the provisions of section 38A½ to 38O, inclusive, of this chapter, section 44A to 44J,  
305 inclusive, of chapter 149, and section 39M of chapter 30 or any other general or special law or rule or  
306 regulation providing for the advertising or bidding of construction, development, financing, management,  
307 leasing or improvements to, or the acquisition or disposition of interests in real or personal property, but  
308 the provisions of sections 26 to 27F, inclusive, and section 29, of said chapter 149 shall apply to those  
309 elements of redevelopment project undertaken by the agency in furtherance of this chapter that, but for  
310 the exemptions provided herein, would be subject to such sections.

311 Notwithstanding such exemptions, the procedures to be followed and the terms and conditions of such  
312 procurement processes, including written procedures for the selection of construction, design, and other  
313 professionals for the redevelopment of real property by the agency pursuant to this chapter, shall be  
314 determined by the agency in consultation with, and subject to review by, the inspector general of the  
315 commonwealth as set forth in this section, and the procedures shall also be approved by the board of  
316 directors of the agency. The inspector general shall comment in writing on such procurement process and  
317 shall submit such comments to the agency, the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital  
318 expenditures and state assets, the chairs of the joint committees on economic development and emerging  
319 technologies, the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives not less than 30 days  
320 before the agency begins the procurement of design and construction services.

321 In order to effectuate an open, competitive and fair procurement and an effective contracting process, the  
322 agency shall, not less than 45 days prior to the advertisement of the invitation for competitive bids using  
323 the procurement process, submit to the inspector general all procedures and criteria developed for the  
324 implementation of the alternative method, including a description of the project, the construction bid  
325 package, and evaluation criteria. The inspector general shall submit written comments on the procedures  
326 to the agency not less than 30 days prior to the advertisement. The agency shall submit the procedures and  
327 criteria and the comments of the inspector general to the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital  
328 expenditures and state assets, the chairs of the joint committees on economic development and emerging  
329 technologies, the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives at least 15 days prior to  
330 the advertisement for any contract to be awarded on the basis of an alternative method. Such procedures  
331 and criteria shall be approved by a vote of the board of directors of the agency. The agency shall submit  
332 to the chairs of said joint committees a report of the results of such procurement. If the agency awards the  
333 contract to other than the lowest responsive bidder, the agency shall submit to said committees and to the  
334 inspector general a written justification describing in detail why such award is in the best interests of the  
335 agency.

336 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, each state agency or executive office  
337 responsible for the permitting, development or financing of economic development projects in the  
338 commonwealth is hereby authorized and directed to develop a coordinated one-stop program for  
339 businesses, institutions and private parties that may intend to locate on the real property in order to enable  
340 development activities on such real property to be more effectively promoted by the commonwealth.

341 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, real property, and any personal property  
342 located thereon, acquired by the agency, or of real property so acquired by the agency and leased by it,  
343 shall be subject to local taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as other lands are taxed;  
344 provided, however, that if said agency or other individual, person, firm, corporation, or other entity  
345 creates a minimum of 100 new jobs on the real property they shall not incur said tax liability for a period

346 of 5 years; provided, further, that nothing in this section shall prohibit the municipality from entering into  
347 an agreement with said lessee relative to providing incentives and benefits pursuant to section 3A of  
348 chapter 23A.

349 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, if the agency acquires title to, or another  
350 interest in, real property formerly used as a department of mental health state hospital or department of  
351 mental retardation in-patient care facility, the agency shall ensure that at least 15 per cent of any housing  
352 units developed on the real property be affordable supported housing for individuals who are clients, or  
353 former clients of the respective department; provided, however, that such housing shall be made  
354 affordable and available to such individuals with incomes of 15 per cent of the average median income or  
355 below; and provided, further, that said restriction shall be recorded in the registry of deeds or the registry  
356 district of the land court of the county in which the effected real property is located, as running with the  
357 land, and that said real property shall not be released from such restriction until after the expiration of 99  
358 years from the date of initial occupancy by such eligible individuals.

359 (g) If the host municipality and the agency decline to accept title to, or another interest in, the real  
360 property within the time prescribed by this section, the commissioner shall, within 30 days of being  
361 notified of said rejection by the host municipality and the agency, formally recommend to the committee  
362 that said real property be officially declared surplus to state uses. Upon receipt of the commissioner's  
363 official recommendation that the real property should be declared surplus, the committee shall:

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365 (i) within 10 days provide written notice, for each city or town in which the real property is located, to the  
366 city manager in the case of a city under Plan E form of government, the mayor and city council in the case  
367 of all other cities, the chairman of the board of selectmen in the case of a town, the county commissioners,  
368 the regional planning agency, and the representatives to the general court representing the host  
369 municipality. The committee shall set forth in such notice a description of the real property and a  
370 declaration that the real property is being considered for surplus designation. The committee shall also  
371 inform the municipality that it may elect to adopt the provisions of chapter 43D and designate the real  
372 property a priority development site pursuant to said chapter 43D;

373 (ii) within 45 days conduct a public hearing in the host municipality to allow for local input as to whether  
374 the real property should be officially declared surplus, the potential reuses for the real property if it is  
375 officially declared surplus, including, but not limited to, its suitability for housing development, economic  
376 development, job creation, or preservation as open space, and what reuse restrictions, if any, should be  
377 imposed on its use and development; provided, however, that in the case of real property formerly used as  
378 a department of mental health state hospital or department of mental retardation in-patient care facility,  
379 the committee shall place a reuse restriction on the land ensuring that at least 15 per cent of any housing

380 units developed on the real property be affordable supported housing for individuals who are clients, or  
381 former clients, of the respective department; provided, further, that such housing shall be made affordable  
382 and available to such individuals with incomes of 15 per cent of average median income or below; and  
383 provided, further that said restriction shall be recorded in the registry of deeds or the registry district of  
384 the land court of the county in which the affected real property is located, as running with the land, and  
385 that said real property shall not be released from such restriction until after the expiration of 99 years from  
386 the date of initial occupancy by such eligible individuals. The committee shall publish notice of the  
387 hearing in the central register published by the state secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 within  
388 30 days of the date of the hearing. A notice of the public hearing shall also be placed, at least once each  
389 week for the 4 consecutive weeks preceding the hearing, in newspapers with sufficient circulation to  
390 inform the people of the effected locality. The hearing shall be held in the host municipality no sooner  
391 than 30 days and no later than 35 days after the notice is published in the central register.

392 (iii) within 120 days report in writing to the commissioner on the real property being considered for  
393 surplus designation on the appropriate disposition for such real property. Said report shall include a  
394 determination of whether the real property should be declared surplus, the potential reuses for the real  
395 property if it is declared by the committee to be surplus, including its suitability for housing development,  
396 economic development or preservation as open space, and what restrictions, if any, should be imposed on  
397 its use and development. The report shall also include the recommendation of the host municipality, if  
398 any, and the smart growth report of the regional planning council, if applicable.

399 The determination of the committee shall be binding upon the commissioner.

400 SECTION 5. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out section 40F½, as appearing in the  
401 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

402 Section 40F½. (a) If, pursuant to section 40F¼, the committee determines that a parcel of real property is  
403 surplus to both current and foreseeable state uses the commissioner shall proceed with the disposition of  
404 the real property in accordance with this section. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the  
405 contrary, any real property officially declared surplus by the committee shall be designated by the  
406 economic assistance coordinating council as an economic target area, an economic opportunity area, and a  
407 certified project, as those terms are defined in section 3A of chapter 23A, and such real property shall be  
408 eligible for all the incentives and benefits provided by the economic development incentive program;  
409 provided, further, that any real property officially declared surplus by the committee shall, upon local  
410 approval, automatically qualify as a priority development site for the purposes of chapter 43D.

411 The commissioner shall establish the value of surplus real property using customarily accepted  
412 appraisal methodologies. The value shall be calculated both for (i) the highest and best use of the real

413 property as currently zoned, and (ii) subject to uses, restrictions and encumbrances as may be defined by  
414 the general court and the committee. Appraisals under this paragraph shall be conducted by an  
415 independent licensed appraiser. In no instance in which the commonwealth retains responsibility for  
416 maintaining the real property shall the terms provide for payment of less than the annual maintenance  
417 costs.

418 (b) The commissioner, within 60 days of receipt of notice from the committee, shall:-

419 (i) publicly declare the real property available for disposition and identify any restrictions on its use and  
420 development imposed by the general court or the committee; and

421 (ii) place a notice in the central register published by the state secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter  
422 9 stating the availability of the real property and requesting proposals from any public or private entity,  
423 agency, individual partnership, or joint venture regarding the use, reuse, rehabilitation, renovation,  
424 reconstruction, purchase, ownership, lease, construction, or development of the real property. Said notice  
425 shall also include the time and location for submission of bids and proposals and the opening thereof, and  
426 other information the commissioner may deem relevant; provided, however, that said notice shall  
427 simultaneously be filed with the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state  
428 assets and the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies.

429 All responses to the request for proposals issued pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the  
430 commissioner within 60 days after the publishing of the notice in the central register. The commissioner  
431 shall, within 30 days of receiving said proposals, review all the proposals received and recommend to the  
432 committee what he deems to be the 3 proposals which represent the highest and best use of the real  
433 property. The commissioner shall simultaneously send notice to each city or town in which the real  
434 property is located, to the city manager in the case of a city under Plan E form of government, the mayor  
435 and city council in the case of all other cities, the chairman of the board of selectmen in the case of a  
436 town, the county commissioners, the regional planning agency, and the representatives to the general  
437 court representing the host municipality of the proposals selected by the commissioner and recommended  
438 to the committee. The committee shall, within 21 days of receiving a recommendation from the  
439 commissioner, conduct a public hearing in the host municipality on the proposals recommended by the  
440 commissioner. The committee by a majority vote shall, within 60 days of the public hearing in the host  
441 municipality, select the proposal which it deems represents the highest and best use of the real property.  
442 In determining the highest and best use of the real property as required by this section, the commissioner  
443 and the committee shall pay due consideration to the impact upon the host municipality, including, but  
444 not limited to, impact to housing, infrastructure, natural resources, open space and economic  
445 development.

446 If no proposals are received by the commissioner pursuant to the request for proposals issued pursuant to  
447 this section, or if the committee determines that the proposals received and recommended by the  
448 commissioner do not represent the highest and best use of the real property, or if the committee fails to  
449 secure a majority vote within 60 days of the public hearing in the host municipality required by this  
450 section, the commissioner shall dispose of the real property using appropriate alternative competitive  
451 processes and procedures. Such alternative competitive processes and procedures may include, but shall  
452 not be limited to, absolute auction, sealed bids and requests for price and development proposals. The  
453 commissioner shall dispose of the real property within 90 days of receiving notification from the  
454 committee; provided, further, that the commissioner shall, 30 days prior to disposition of the real property  
455 pursuant to an alternative competitive process, notify the host municipality and the committee of the  
456 alternative competitive process to be used. The commissioner shall, at least 30 days prior to the  
457 disposition of the surplus real property using an alternative competitive process, place notice in the central  
458 register published by the state secretary pursuant to section 20A of chapter 9 stating the availability of  
459 such real property, the nature of the competitive process and other information deemed relevant, including  
460 the time and location of the auction, the submission of bids or proposals and the opening thereof.

461 (c) The commissioner shall place a notice in the central register, and provide written notice to the host  
462 municipality; provided said notice shall be sent to the city manager in the case of a city under Plan E form  
463 of government, the mayor and city council in the case of all other cities, the chairman of the board of  
464 selectmen in the case of a town, the county commissioners, the regional planning agency, and the  
465 representatives to the general court representing said host municipality. Said notice shall identify the  
466 individual or firm selected as party to such real property transaction, along with the amount of such  
467 transaction. If the commissioner accepts an amount below the value calculated pursuant to this section he  
468 shall include the justification therefore, specifying the difference between the calculated value and the  
469 price received.

470 The commissioner shall ensure that any rental agreement, and in the case of a conveyance, a deed or  
471 separate disposition agreement as deemed appropriate by the commissioner, shall set forth all such reuse  
472 restrictions; shall provide for effective remedies on behalf of the commonwealth, including that title to the  
473 real property, or such lesser interest as is the subject of the disposition agreement, shall revert to the  
474 commonwealth in the event of a violation of any such reuse restrictions; and shall provide, in the case of a  
475 disposition to the host municipality or a non-profit organization for a direct public use, that the title to the  
476 real property, or such lesser interest as is the subject of the disposition agreement, shall revert to the  
477 commonwealth in the event the real property is no longer utilized for such direct public use.

478 No agreement for the conveyance, lease or rental or other disposition of state-owned real property  
479 pursuant to this chapter, and no deed, executed by or on behalf of the commonwealth pursuant to this



480 chapter, shall be valid unless such agreement or deed contains the following declaration, signed by the  
481 commissioner:

482 The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that I have fully complied with the provisions of  
483 sections 40F, 40F¼, 40F½, 40F¾, 40H, and 40J of chapter 7 in connection with the real property  
484 described herein.

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486 Commissioner, DCAMM

487 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

488 The commissioner shall maintain, for a period of at least 6 years, a file containing a copy of each  
489 document necessary to establish fulfillment of the requirements of this chapter as it relates to the  
490 disposition of surplus real property. Such file shall be open to public inspection.

491 (d) All net cash proceeds from the conveyance, lease or other transfer of real property pursuant to this  
492 chapter shall be deposited by the commissioner, upon receipt, in the Surplus Real Property Proceeds Fund  
493 established pursuant to section 2ZZZ of chapter 29.

494 SECTION 6. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 40F½ the following  
495 section:-

496 Section 40F¾. The commissioner shall be responsible for the acquisition and control of real property in  
497 the manner and to the extent provided in this chapter. The commissioner may delegate such responsibility  
498 to an administrator who has 10 years of experience in the management of commercial, industrial,  
499 institutional or public real property. When responsibility is delegated to an administrator the written  
500 approval of the commissioner shall be required before such transaction is finalized.

501 The commissioner shall acquire an interest in real property on behalf of the commonwealth for the use of  
502 state agencies and executive offices by gift, purchase, devise, grant, eminent domain, rental, lease, rental-  
503 purchase or otherwise.

504 In acquiring buildings for the use of state agencies or executive offices, first consideration shall be given  
505 to any structures that have been certified as historic landmarks as provided by sections 26 to 27C,  
506 inclusive, of chapter 9, that have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places as provided by 16  
507 U.S.C. section 470a (1974) or that have been designated historic landmarks by local historic  
508 commissions, unless use of such buildings would not be feasible in terms of costs and requirements when  
509 compared with other available properties.

510 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, real property acquired for the use of  
511 state agencies or executive offices shall be held in the name of the commonwealth.

512 The commissioner shall assist in the preparation and shall approve of plans for the organization of all  
513 space within and around buildings and appurtenant structures used by state agencies and executive  
514 offices, and shall assign the use of space within and around the state house, subject to such rules as the  
515 committee on rules of the 2 branches acting concurrently may adopt, in accordance with the provisions of  
516 sections 10, 16A and 17 of chapter 8; the John W. McCormack state office building; the Leverett  
517 Saltonstall state office building; the Springfield office building; the Pittsfield office building; the Erich  
518 Lindemann building; the Charles F. Hurley building; any real property acquired for the use of state  
519 agencies or executive offices, the greater part of which is not needed by any one state agency or executive  
520 office; and any other real property assigned by law to the division of capital asset management and  
521 maintenance.

522 The commissioner, with the written approval of the commissioner of administration, may transfer use of,  
523 and responsibility for maintenance of, buildings, including equipment therein, within or between state  
524 agencies and executive offices. No such transfer within or between state agencies or executive offices  
525 which involves either a change in the purposes for which such building is currently used or a change in  
526 use in excess of 50 per cent of the usable floor space, shall be made without the prior approval of the  
527 general court. Any such transfer shall be based on a determination, made by the commissioner with the  
528 advice of the executive heads of effected agencies and secretaries of the executive offices in which such  
529 agencies are located, that such real property is not needed, is underutilized, or is not being put to optimum  
530 use under current conditions. The commissioner shall notify the chairs of house and senate committees on  
531 ways and means, the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets and  
532 the representatives to the general court from the city or town in which such real property is located not  
533 less than 30 days prior to the final authorization of any transfer which does not require the approval of the  
534 general court, and such transfer shall only be made when the general court is in session except as  
535 provided hereafter. Such transfer may be made when the general court is not in session, and the thirty day  
536 notification requirement may be waived, only if the commissioner certifies in writing that an emergency  
537 exists; provided, however, that any such transfer may be authorized for a period not to exceed 6 months;  
538 and provided, further, that the commissioner shall submit his certification to and notify the chairs of house  
539 and senate ways and means committees and the chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital  
540 expenditures and state assets, and the representatives to the general court from the city or town in which  
541 such real property is located of such transfer at the earliest possible opportunity.

542 SECTION 7. Section 40H of said chapter 7, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
543 by striking out, in lines 23 and 24, the words "state administration" and inserting in place thereof the  
544 following words:- bonding, capital expenditures and state assets.

545 SECTION 8. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by striking out section 40I, as so appearing, and  
546 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

547 Section 40I. The clerk of the house of representatives and the clerk of the senate shall, within 10 days of  
548 the filing of any legislation authorizing the conveyance, lease, transfer, or other disposition of any state-  
549 owned real property forward a copy of said bill to the commissioner. Within 90 days of the receipt of said  
550 copy, the commissioner shall submit in writing a report to the commissioner of administration, the  
551 legislative committee before which the bill is pending, and the joint committee on bonding, capital  
552 expenditures and state assets together with a recommendation for either the approval or the disapproval of  
553 the bill and his reasons therefor.

554 If the commissioner is recommending the approval of a bill proposing the disposition of a parcel  
555 exceeding 2 acres, said report shall include: (1) a description of the real property including its current use,  
556 structures, and approximate metes and bounds; (2) the value of the real property, determined through  
557 procedures customarily accepted by the appraising profession as valid for such purposes, calculated both  
558 for (a) the highest and best use of the real property as currently encumbered and (b) uses and  
559 encumbrances that would be imposed by the bill if enacted; (3) all current and foreseeable direct public  
560 uses identified by following the division's procedures for such purposes as they apply to the real property  
561 to be disposed (4) other potential public and private uses of the real property; and (5) any other  
562 information the general court may require.

563 The commissioner shall expeditiously review and recommend approval or disapproval of any proposal to  
564 the general court for the sale, rental or other disposition of real property acquired on behalf of state  
565 agencies, and shall dispose of real property as mandated by the general court.

566 The provisions of this section shall not apply to recommendations filed by the commissioner with the  
567 joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets pursuant to the provisions of subsection  
568 (b) of section 40F $\frac{1}{4}$ .

569 SECTION 9. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2YYY the  
570 following two sections:—

571 Section 2ZZZ. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to  
572 be known as the Surplus Real Property Proceeds Fund, hereinafter called the fund. The fund shall be  
573 administered by the department of housing and community development. All monies deposited into the  
574 fund shall, within 90 days of receipt, be distributed by the fund in the following order of priority:-

575 (i) to reimburse host municipalities for bona fide costs incurred by said municipalities for the maintenance  
576 and upkeep of the surplus real property wherefrom the funds originated;

577 (ii) a maximum of 10 per cent of the remaining net cash proceeds after funding the costs identified in  
578 clause (i) to the host municipality; provided, however, upon certification by the commissioner of the  
579 division of capital asset management and maintenance that a host municipality expedited permitting in  
580 accordance with part (i) of subsection (g) of section 40F¼ of chapter 7 or took other affirmative actions,  
581 which at the discretion of the commissioner, furthered the commonwealth's objectives for the parcel, shall  
582 be entitled to 20 per cent of the remaining net cash proceeds after funding the costs identified in clause (i).  
583 If said municipality exercises its right of first refusal as authorized pursuant to subsection (d) of section  
584 40F¼ it shall not receive a percentage of the sale proceeds; provided, however, that if the host  
585 municipality assigns its right of first refusal pursuant to said subsection (d) of said section 40F¼ to a  
586 nonprofit organization for a direct public use, it shall receive a maximum of 10 per cent of the net cash  
587 proceeds remaining after funding the costs identified in clause (i);

588 (iii) after distribution of net cash proceeds pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii), not more than \$2,800,000  
589 annually shall be deposited in the District Local Technical Assistance Fund established pursuant to  
590 section 2AAAA; and

591 (iv) after distribution of net cash proceeds pursuant to clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) the remaining net cash  
592 proceeds shall be deposited in Smart Growth Housing Trust fund established pursuant to section 35AA of  
593 chapter 10.

594 Section 2AAAA. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate fund  
595 to be known as the District Local Technical Assistance Fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be  
596 administered by the bureau of municipal assistance within the department of revenue which shall ensure  
597 that the funds are used for activities consistent with the purpose of this section and the Massachusetts  
598 management and accounting reporting system, so-called. Said amounts shall be used solely for the  
599 administration and implementation of the provisions of this section.

600 Recipients of said funds shall provide matching resources of not less than 10 per cent, no more than ½ of  
601 which may be in-kind services, and shall report such annually on their expenses and program activities to  
602 the commonwealth and local governments. Each regional planning district created under chapter 40B or  
603 by special act shall be granted a fixed annual base award of \$150,000 from said fund, with the exception  
604 of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, which shall receive a base appropriation of \$200,000, the  
605 Martha's Vineyard commission which shall receive a full annual appropriation of \$100,000 and the  
606 Nantucket planning and economic development commission, which shall receive a full annual  
607 appropriation of \$50,000 as its full annual appropriation. One-half of the remainder of the annual  
608 appropriation to said fund shall be apportioned among said entities based on the percentage of the  
609 commonwealth's population served by each entity, with the other half apportioned based on the  
610 percentage of the commonwealth's communities served by each entity.

611 SECTION 10. Section 9 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
612 striking out the fifteenth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

613 Zoning ordinances or by-laws shall also provide that research and development uses, whether or not such  
614 uses are currently permitted as a matter of right, may be permitted in any non-residential zoning district  
615 upon the issuance of a special permit; provided, however, that the granting authority finds that such uses  
616 do not substantially derogate from the public good. "Research and development uses" may include any 1  
617 or more of the following: investigation; development; laboratory and similar research uses; any related  
618 office uses; limited manufacturing uses; and uses accessory to any of the foregoing in any field of science.  
619 "Limited manufacturing" shall, subject to the issuance of such special permit, be an allowed use provided  
620 that the following requirements are satisfied: (1) such manufacturing activity is directly related to research  
621 and development uses; (2) no limited manufacturing activity occurs within 50 feet of a residential district;  
622 and (3) substantially all limited manufacturing activity occurs inside of buildings with any limited  
623 manufacturing activities occurring outside of buildings subject to such conditions as may be imposed by  
624 the granting authority.

625 SECTION 11. Chapter 40B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:—

626 Section 31. There shall be established within each regional planning district created under this chapter or  
627 by special act a technical assistance center for the delivery of coordinated, comprehensive, and continuing  
628 technical services to and among local governments. Technical assistance services may be provided in any  
629 subject area within the capability of each technical assistance center that improves local government  
630 capacity, efficiency, knowledge and ability to respond to issues, opportunities, laws and requirements  
631 including, but not limited to: permitting; required municipal asset inventory and management;  
632 communication systems including broadband, wireless and related facilities; emergency and incident  
633 response systems; electronic government opportunities; remote image and data collection; digital data  
634 management and archiving; geographic information systems; geo-location of infrastructure; internet and  
635 internet-related technologies; data sharing and regional backup; computer system evaluation and  
636 networking; intelligent transportation systems; statistical trends and modeling; digital recordation of  
637 accidents, fires and crime; technical specifications relating to management of the sanitary code, water  
638 supplies, air quality, storm water and natural resource area; and other land use and smart growth zoning  
639 issues.

640 Said regional planning districts shall annually consult with each member city and town to ensure locally  
641 needed technical assistance services that: (i) aid communities in evaluating new technologies, equipment  
642 and systems; (ii) aid communities in improving the efficiency of local government; (iii) reduce costs  
643 incurred by local governments for performing duties required thereof; (iv) build capacity and provide  
644 needed skills; (v) aid communities in meeting new state or federal regulations or requirements; (vi)

645 provide specific services or initiate demonstration projects; (vii) facilitate sharing of information or best  
646 practices among and between communities; (viii) facilitate inter-municipal cooperation or cost sharing;  
647 (ix) provide training and skill development of community employees; (x) aid in improvement of local  
648 standards, procedures and regulations; and (xi) promote smart growth zoning, regulations, or standards.

649 Said regional planning districts shall coordinate and focus their programs to augment the services of the  
650 local technical assistance centers. A core program of technical services shall be maintained in the fields of  
651 management and data, environment, transportation and community development. Other fields may be  
652 covered as appropriate and as resources allow. Agencies of the commonwealth initiating or following  
653 through on programs or regulations requiring outreach or technical assistance shall first consider utilizing  
654 the local technical assistance centers while seeking the services previously enumerated and may enter  
655 directly into contracts with the regional planning agencies or their technical assistance centers as they  
656 would with any city or town. This provision shall not limit the ability of state agencies to work directly  
657 with individual communities.

658 SECTION 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for each parcel of real property  
659 acquired pursuant to the provisions of chapter 7 of the General Laws the Massachusetts Development  
660 Finance Agency shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means a written disclosure  
661 detailing any personal or professional relationships between any officer, director or employee of the  
662 Agency and any party involved with the development or redevelopment of the real property including, but  
663 not limited to, any outside legal counsel and other professional services. The Agency shall within 30 days  
664 of receiving a request by the house or senate committee on ways and means, provide the committee with a  
665 detailed summary of all fees and expenditures incurred relative to the development or redevelopment of  
666 real property acquired pursuant to the provisions of said chapter 7 including, but not limited to, any fees  
667 paid to any outside legal counsel and other professionals retained by, or on behalf of, the Agency.

668 SECTION 13. Sections 1 to 9, inclusive, shall not be effective as to the disposition of any real property  
669 designated surplus by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance  
670 prior to the effective date of this act, or as to the disposition of any real property owned by the  
671 commonwealth and subject to a special act for the conveyance, lease or other disposition of such real  
672 property with an effective date prior to the effective date of this act.