

SENATE No. 2059

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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:

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION ON THE REUSE OF WESTBOROUGH STATE HOSPITAL .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester
Carolyn Dykema	8th Middlesex
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Karyn E. Polito	11th Worcester

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

RESOLVE establishing a special commission on the reuse of Westborough State Hospital

1 **Resolved**, that a special commission shall be established to foster coordination and
2 planning among municipalities and state agencies on the surplusing and reuse of Westborough
3 State Hospital after its patients are transferred to Worcester State Hospital. The commission shall
4 consist of the secretary of housing and economic development or his designee who shall serve as
5 chair; the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance or his designee; the
6 commissioner of mental health or his designee; the commissioner of youth services or his
7 designee; the commissioner of fish and game or his designee; the commissioner of agricultural
8 resources or his designee; a representative of the Massachusetts Historical Commission; a
9 representative of the department of highways; two representatives of the town of Westborough;
10 two representatives of the town of Northborough; a representative of the Central Massachusetts
11 Regional Planning Commission; and a representative of the 495/MetroWest Corridor
12 Partnership.

13 The commission shall: (1) review existing state agency ownership and usage agreements
14 within Westborough State Hospital property; (2) review existing municipal comprehensive plans
15 and zoning; (3) solicit public and agency input on potential uses of the property; (4) identify
16 potential surplus state property; (5) provide information and analysis regarding these fore-
17 mentioned matters to the towns of Westborough and Northborough as may be requested; (6)

18 work with the planning boards and boards of selectmen of the Towns of Westborough and
19 Northborough in a cooperative planning process to develop and bring proposals for town
20 meeting approval.

21 The commission shall file its final report with the clerk of the senate and house of
22 representatives not later than 1 year after the effective date of this resolve.