

SENATE No. 1753

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, June 3, 1974.

The committee on State Administration, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1298) of John J. Conte for legislation to provide for the conveyance of the land and buildings comprising the Grafton State Hospital to the Trustees of the University of Massachusetts for use as a regional interstate school of veterinary medicine reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1753).

For The Committee,

GEORGE MENDONCA.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS COMPRISING THE GRAFTON STATE HOSPITAL TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE FOR USE AS A REGIONAL INTERSTATE SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to
2 the contrary, the Department of Mental Health is hereby
3 authorized and directed to execute and record a deed transfer-
4 ring to the Commissioner of Administration and Finance the
5 land and buildings comprising the Grafton State Hospital. Said
6 land and buildings shall be held in abeyance for a Regional
7 School of Veterinary Medicine by the Commissioner of Ad-
8 ministration and Finance until the Commonwealth and at least
9 three other New England states have agreed to participate in
10 said Regional Interstate School of Veterinary Medicine, pro-
11 vided that said agreement is reached within three years after
12 the effective date of this act.

1 SECTION 2. If said agreement is reached within three years,
2 that land from the Grafton site which is required for said
3 school shall be transferred by the Commissioner of Adminis-
4 tration and Finance to that entity which has been designated
5 by the Legislature to establish said school. The excess land
6 and buildings not required by said school shall revert back to
7 the Department of Mental Health. If said agreement is not
8 reached within three years, said land and buildings shall re-
9 vert back to the Department of Mental Health.

1 SECTION 3. The Commissioner of Administration and Fi-
2 nance is hereby authorized to rent, and/or lease or otherwise
3 use the property and buildings during the time it is held in
4 abeyance.