

HOUSE No. 5346

By Mr. Collins of Amherst, petition of James G. Collins, Robert D. Wetmore and others for legislation to authorize the Department of Mental Health to lease certain land to the Belchertown State School Friends Association, State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN LAND OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE BELCHERTOWN STATE SCHOOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION.

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. The Department of Mental Health acting in
2 behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may lease to the
3 Belchertown State School Friends Association certain land now
4 designated as part of the property of the Belchertown State School
5 for the purpose of utilizing such land to further benefit retarded
6 citizens who reside at Belchertown State School or who reside in
7 surrounding communities of District I.

8 The Department of Mental Health acting as the agent of the
9 Commonwealth with the advice and consent of the Secretary of
10 Administration may lease the portion of land at Belchertown State
11 School known as the recreation area which comprises the pond
12 known as the duck pond, the hay field known now as Foley Field,
13 the land on which is placed a building known as Friendship Lodge,
14 a portion of the woodland now known as the trail area, and a
15 portion of the land designated as maple and birch woodland, all of
16 which comprises 25 acres, more or less, and is situated on the west
17 side of the property of the Belchertown State School adjacent to
18 property formerly known as the Hebert property and north of
19 Route 202.

1 SECTION 2. Any lease entered into by the Department of
2 Mental Health and the Belchertown State School Friends Associa-
3 tion shall stipulate that the land shall continue to be used for the
4 benefit of the retarded citizens and shall provide authority to
5 construct buildings and other structures on said land which may be
6 approved by the Department of Mental Health. Said lease shall be
7 for a period of not less than five years and not more than twenty
8 years and shall stipulate that said land and any structures currently
9 or in the future on said land shall continue to remain in active use
10 for the benefit of the retarded citizens or otherwise all land and
11 property thereon shall revert to the Belchertown State School and
12 said lease shall be terminated.

1 SECTION 3. The Department of Mental Health and the Bel-
2 chertown State School Friends Association and the Secretary of
3 Human Services shall determine the exact appropriated bounda-
4 ries of any lease that is contemplated or entered into and their final
5 determination shall be approved by the Secretary of Administra-
6 tion before becoming valid.