

HOUSE No. 1976

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan Williams Gifford

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 Wareham Fire District.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Susan Williams Gifford

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1939 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT.

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 Wareham Fire District in the town of Wareham is granted an
2 exclusive right, privilege, and franchise to supply water for extinguishing fires and for domestic,
3 manufacturing, and other purposes to the inhabitants of Wareham within said district's territory
4 established by Chapter 106 of the Acts of 2000. No other individual, corporation, municipality,
5 district, or entity, except for the owner or owners of a parcel or parcels of land containing not less
6 than 100 contiguous acres located in the town of Wareham, may hereafter create or operate a
7 public water system within the territory of said Wareham Fire District, or supply water to the
8 inhabitants of Wareham within said district's territory other than for personal domestic use when
9 otherwise permitted.

10 **SECTION 2.** The Wareham Fire District may supply water for extinguishing fires and for
11 domestic, manufacturing, and other purposes to individuals, corporations, municipalities, districts,
12 and other entities, without limitation, outside of said district's territory established by Chapter 106
13 of the Acts of 2000.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Wareham Fire District may make such contracts as may be agreed upon with
15 individuals, corporations, municipalities, districts, and other entities for supplying water outside
16 of said district's territory, and may extend its pipes for that purpose, under the direction of the
17 selectmen of the town or mayor of the city where the pipes are to be located, through the streets
18 and highways of towns and cities lying outside the territory of said district. Said district may fix
19 and collect rates for the use of such water, and may discontinue and shut off the water for the
20 non-payment thereof and for violation of the terms of any contract made in accordance with this
21 section.

22 **SECTION 4.** Specific statutory powers granted to the Wareham Fire District by Chapter 178 of
23 the Acts of 1907 and Chapter 106 of the Acts of 2000 and not specifically mentioned in this Act
24 are hereby expanded to the extent necessary to permit said district to supply water outside of its
25 territory in accordance with the provisions of this Act.