HOUSE . . . . . No. 3833

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3833) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Mattapoisett to place a municipal fee on aquaculture licenses. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to shellfish aquaculture license fees in the town of Mattapoisett.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

The town of Mattapoisett, acting by and through its board of selectmen, may charge a fee of no more than $200.00 per acre for aquaculture licenses granted pursuant to section 57 of chapter 130 of the General Laws. The fee for each license shall be equal to the cost to the town of overseeing, supervising, inspecting and taking appropriate measures to enforce compliance with the terms and conditions of such license. The town may require that the licensees post a bond in an amount determined by the board of selectmen to be sufficient to pay for the costs of any remedial measures required by the town as necessary should the licensee fail to remedy any deficiencies. The town shall send a written notice to the licensee, informing the licensee of the defect and such notice shall provide a reasonable opportunity to cure the defect. In the event that the licensee abandons the licensed operation and it becomes a danger to navigation, public safety, or health, the town shall cure such defect.