

HOUSE No. 683

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Viriato Manuel deMacedo

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to protecting, preserving, and increasing access to family camping.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Viriato Manuel deMacedo

1st Plymouth

Elizabeth A. Poirier

14th Bristol

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By Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 683) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo and Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to protecting, preserving and increasing access to family camping . Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to protecting, preserving, and increasing access to family camping.

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 the contrary, the division of
2 state parks and recreation shall, within six months of the passage of this act, revise existing rules
3 and regulations and promulgate rules and regulations to: increase access to camping by
4 encouraging and facilitating the growth of Massachusetts campgrounds, while aiming to
5 simultaneously protect public health, safety and the environment. The division shall revise
6 regulations pertaining to septic flow, volume discharge, greywater, land size, and approved
7 chemical additives to accurately reflect the circumstances associated with seasonal use
8 campgrounds so as to not unnecessarily hinder campground expansion and user access. In
9 revising and promulgating rules and regulations, the division shall consult with interest groups
10 including, but not limited to the Massachusetts Association of Campground Owners and the
11 Massachusetts Camping Association.