

SENATE No. 2240

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

SENATE, Monday, April 25, 2016

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 396) of Viriato M. deMacedo, Elizabeth A. Poirier, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others relative to protecting, preserving, and increasing access to family camping; and (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 737) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others that the Department of Environmental Protection be directed to revise regulations to protect and preserve the camping industry,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2240).

For the committee,
Anne M. Gobi

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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 department
2 of environmental protection shall, within 1 year of the passage of this act, amend the regulations
3 under 310 CMR 15.07, and other regulations related to on-site sewerage treatment and disposal
4 systems at campgrounds, to increase access, encourage and facilitate the growth of camping,
5 while protecting public health, safety and the environment.

6 The department shall revise regulations pertaining to septic flow, volume discharge,
7 greywater, land size, and approved chemical additives to accurately reflect the circumstances
8 associated with seasonal use of campgrounds; provided, such revisions shall not without
9 necessity hinder user access or expansion regarding those facilities. In amending said
10 regulations, the department shall consult with established camping organizations, including but
11 not limited to, the Massachusetts Association of Campground Owners and the Massachusetts
12 Camping Association.