

**SENATE . . . . . No. 474**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 the moose population in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 474) of Anne M. Gobi and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation relative to the moose population in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 431 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the moose population in the Commonwealth.

*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. Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section  
2   73 the following section:—

3           Section 73A: Notwithstanding the provisions of section 73 of chapter 131, the division  
4   of fisheries and wildlife within the department of fish and game may take measures to ensure a  
5   stable moose population and address public safety concerns in the following counties; Worcester,  
6   Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin. A report outlining the measures taken shall be  
7   submitted to the Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture on an  
8   annual basis.

9           The division may promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the  
10 implementation and administration of this section. Records of the population of moose shall be  
11 maintained by the division and reported annually to the Joint Committee on the Environment,  
12 Natural Resources and Agriculture.