

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1126**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Exempting the Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board Membership from Conflict of Interest Regarding Discussion of Shellfish Licensing ..

*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 second paragraph of Chapter 465 of the Acts of 1976 (“An Act  
2   Establishing a Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board in the Town of Nantucket”) as amended by  
3   Chapter 270 of the Acts of 1979 (“An Act Providing for the Filling of Vacancies on the Harbor  
4   and Shellfish Advisory Board of the Town of Nantucket”), is hereby amended by adding the  
5   following new sentence at the end of the existing text:

6            “It is the intent of the establishment of the Nantucket Harbor and Shellfish Advisory  
7   Board to provide an advisory role for commercial fishermen and those who make a living from  
8   the sea, to the Nantucket Board of Selectmen, therefore to encourage such persons to participate  
9   in this publicly elected advisory board, the members of the Board shall be exempt from  
10   subsections (a) and (c) of section 17 of chapter 268A of the General Laws and from section 19(a)  
11   when participating in the particular matter of providing advice and recommendations to the  
12   Board of Selectmen regarding shellfish fishing, harvesting, licensing and fishery standards.”

13          Section 2.     This act shall take effect upon its passage.