

HOUSE No. 696

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Resolve to establish a special commission to perform an investigation and providing for a study relative to the long term management and maintenance of certain harbor islands.

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

1 Resolved, That, notwithstanding any general law, special law or local ordinance to the
2 contrary, a special commission is hereby established for the purpose of conducting an
3 investigation and study of methods to provide long term management and maintenance of Moon
4 Island and for determining and publicizing projected future development and use of Long Island;
5 provided that said special commission shall consist of two members of the Senate to be
6 appointed by the Senate President, two members of the House of Representatives to be
7 appointed by the House Speaker, the mayor of Boston or his designee, the mayor of Quincy or
8 his designee, one representative of the National Park Service, the Secretary of the Executive
9 Office of Environmental Affairs or his designee, one individual representing conservation and
10 environmental interests appointed by said Secretary and the executive director of the Squantum
11 Neighborhood Association or his designee.

12 Within 180 days after the passage of this bill, the special commission shall report to the
13 House of Representatives and Senate the results of its investigation and study for preserving

14 Moon Island along with a non-binding master plan for the future use and development of Long
15 Island. Said special commission shall also file recommendations for further environmental
16 oversight and preservation of said islands together with any drafts of legislation necessary to
17 carry its recommendations into effect by filing same with the Clerk of the House of
18 Representatives no later than December 1, 2008.