

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3886**

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A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Groton, acting by and through its board of selectmen and board of water commissioners, to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife by its Department of Fish and Game. January 18, 2012.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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An Act AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GROTON, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, TO CONVEY A CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND TO THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE BY ITS DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately allow the grant of conservation restrictions encumbering the parcels of land described herein to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 the provisions of any general or special law to the  
2 contrary and pursuant to the provisions of article 97 of the amendments to the constitution of the  
3 commonwealth of Massachusetts, the town of Groton, acting by and through its board of  
4 selectmen, is hereby authorized to convey to the division of fisheries and wildlife, acting by and  
5 through its department of fish and game, for no consideration, one or more easements or lesser  
6 interests through a perpetual conservation restriction under sections 31,32 and 33 of chapter 184  
7 of the General Laws, for the preservation and protection of wildlife and habitat and passive

8 recreation and other consistent purposes in certain parcels of land identified in section 2 and  
9 shown on town of Groton assessor's map 210, lot 4 and assessor's map 210, lot 5, upon such  
10 terms and conditions as the board of selectmen shall determine to be appropriate.

11 SECTION 2. The parcels are identified as follows: all of the lands in the town of Groton  
12 recorded in certain orders of taking and deeds recorded in the Middlesex south registry of deeds  
13 in book 5791, page 249; book6537, page 216; book6537, page 217; book 6702, page 238; book  
14 6702, page 239; book 8015, page 190; book 11524, page 550; book 11524, page 552; book  
15 13468, page 252; book 23290, page 590; book 8912, page 189; and book 40167, page 425.

16 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary  
17 and pursuant to the provisions of article 97 of the amendments to the constitution of the  
18 commonwealth of Massachusetts, the town of Groton, acting by and through its board of  
19 selectmen and its board of water commissioners, is hereby authorized to convey to the division  
20 of fisheries and wildlife, acting by and through its department of fish and game, for no  
21 consideration, one or more easements or lesser interests through a perpetual conservation  
22 restriction under sections 31, 32, and 33 of chapter 184 of the General Laws, for the preservation  
23 and protection of wildlife and habitat and passive recreation and other consistent purposes in  
24 certain parcels of land identified in section 4 and shown on town of Groton assessor's map 210,  
25 lot 8, upon such terms and conditions as the board of selectmen and the board of water  
26 commissioners shall determine to be appropriate.

27 SECTION 4. The parcels are identified as follows: all of the lands in the town of Groton  
28 recorded in certain orders of taking and deeds recorded in the Middlesex south district registry of  
29 deeds in book 30618, page 314 and shown as parcel 8A on plan 1211 of 2003, sheet 2.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.