

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1540**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 supporting our natural resources..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*Ann-Margaret Ferrante*

*5th Essex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1540) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to support our natural resources. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1341 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act supporting our natural resources..

*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 62 of the General Laws shall be amended by adding after  
2 Section 6I the following new section:

3           “Section 6K: Every individual who files a separate return may voluntarily  
4 contribute one dollar to be paid over to the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund, established by  
5 section 2c of chapter 131. In the case of a joint return of husband and wife, each spouse may  
6 voluntarily contribute one dollar to said fund. A credit in the full amount of any contribution  
7 under this section shall be allowed against the tax imposed by this chapter; provided, that for any  
8 such return no such credit shall exceed the income tax liability for any taxable year.

9           At the beginning of each fiscal year, subject to appropriation, one dollar shall be  
10 credited from the General Fund to the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund for each dollar

11 contributed by the public in the prior fiscal year under the provisions of this section. The  
12 commissioner of revenue shall certify to the state comptroller total revenues contributed to the  
13 Inland Fisheries and Game Fund by individuals in the prior fiscal year.

14                   A contribution made under this section may be made with respect to any taxable  
15 year at the time of filing the return of the tax imposed by this chapter for such taxable year;  
16 provided, however, that the commissioner shall prescribe the manner in which such contribution  
17 shall be made on the face of the return required by section 5 of chapter 62C.”