

SENATE No. 2274

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 designating the red-bellied cooter as the official turtle of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Christopher M. Markey and Keiko M. Orrall for legislation to designate red-bellied cooter as the official turtle of the Commonwealth. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act designating the red-bellied cooter as the official turtle of 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 Chapter 2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 An Act Designating The Red-Bellied Cooter As The Official Turtle Of The
3 Commonwealth.

4 Section 60. The Red-Bellied Cooter (*Pseudemys Rubriventris*) shall be named the official
5 turtle of the Commonwealth.