

SENATE No. 365

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 relative to the economic value and revenue generation of the Atlantic Striped Bass.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Richard T. Moore

6th Worcester

Geraldo Alicea

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 365) of Richard T. Moore and Gerald Alicea for legislation relative to the economic value and revenue generation of the Atlantic Striped Bass. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the economic value and revenue generation of the Atlantic Striped Bass.

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. Section 100A of chapter 130 of the general laws, as appearing in
2 the 2008 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
3 section:--

4 Section 100B. Conservation and management measures concerning the
5 commercial taking of the striped bass including but not limited to the length of the commercial
6 season, the number of permits issued for the commercial season and the total number of striped
7 bass by fish count or poundage allowed to be landed shall take into account the following
8 measures: the prevention of overfishing, the rebuilding of overfished stocks, the impact of these
9 proposed rules and regulations on the economic value of the recreational catch, the impact on the
10 economy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the impact on tax revenues generated for
11 the Commonwealth by the recreational fishery from the sales, meals, hotel/motel, fuel and
12 income taxes. The Director and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Board must take into
13 consideration the economic importance of the recreational striped bass fishery to the

14 Commonwealth and the potential effects of proposed management measures on the tax revenues
15 of the Commonwealth. All such approved rules and regulations shall be accompanied with a
16 fiscal note detailing any said potential or anticipated impacts and said fiscal note shall be
17 forwarded to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on
18 Revenue, the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture and the Joint
19 Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.