

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 739**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Peter V. Kocot*

*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 protecting the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                 | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:    | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>1/17/2013</i> |
| <i>Denise Andrews</i> | <i>2nd Franklin</i>  | <i>1/17/2013</i> |
| <i>Ellen Story</i>    | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>1/17/2013</i> |

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 739) of Peter V. Kocot, Denise Andrews and Ellen Story relative to a review of existing staffing levels of environmental police officers in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2014 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to protecting the natural resources 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 SECTION 1. Section 10B of chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting at the end thereof the following: -

3 “The director of environmental law enforcement, in cooperation with the secretary shall  
4 provide to the House and Senate committees on ways and means, the committee on the  
5 environment, natural resources and agriculture and the secretary of administration and finance,  
6 no later than October 1, 2013, a review of existing staffing levels of environmental police  
7 officers in the Commonwealth, their geographic distribution, their individual length of service,  
8 an overview of recent environmental law enforcement actions, the need for additional personnel  
9 and the cost of hiring and training additional personnel necessary for the protection of the  
10 Commonwealth’s natural resources and the protection of public safety.”