

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 780**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***George N. Peterson, Jr.***

*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 areas of critical environmental concern.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2013</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2013</i>

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 780) of George N. Peterson, Jr., and Paul K. Frost relative to areas of critical environmental concern. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1154 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to areas of critical environmental concern.

*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. Subsection (7) of Section 2 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:—  
3 "Prior to submitting a nomination to designate an area as an area of critical environmental  
4 concern, the person or persons leading the nomination, as listed in the pertinent regulations shall,  
5 at a minimum, hold one public information meeting at least 30 days prior to submitting the  
6 nomination. Notice of such a meeting shall be given through any means reasonably likely to  
7 inform a reasonable number of residents to be affected by the nomination." .