

SENATE No. 1394

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 resolve:

Resolve to study the loss of revenues of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1394) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to study the loss of revenues of the Commonwealth. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Resolve to study the loss of revenues of the Commonwealth.

1 **Resolved**, That the National Office of Science and Technology Marine Fisheries Office
2 studies recreational fishing participation; and

3 Whereas, a recent study of recreational fishing participation in Massachusetts showed
4 that 2011 recreational fishing participation had dropped from 1,258,124 individuals in 2006 to
5 897,115 representing a 29% reduction; and

6 Whereas, out of state individual anglers had dropped from 484,288 in 2006 to 292,701 in
7 2011, representing a 40% reduction; and

8 Whereas, Southwick Associates conducted a study in 2005 estimating that the total
9 economic activity generated by recreational Striped Bass fishing in the Commonwealth in 2003
10 was \$1,158,000,000; and

11 Whereas, using the estimates offered by Southwick Associates, a decline from 2006 to
12 2012 of 29% of individual recreational fisherman would equal a loss of \$390,000,000 in
13 economic activity for the Commonwealth and a concurrent loss of hotel, motel, sales, meals,
14 alcohol, gas and other taxes and revenues to the Commonwealth; and therefore be it

15 Resolved, that the department of revenue, in conjunction with the joint committee on
16 revenue, shall conduct a study of the decline of the recreational fishery with particular emphasis
17 on Striped Bass, and the concurrent impact on the revenues of the commonwealth; and be it
18 further

19 Resolved, that said study shall be completed by December 15, 2013 and forwarded to the
20 division of fisheries and wildlife with recommendations to enhance the revenue generating
21 capacity of the recreational fishery.