

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1978**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 Middlesex Canal Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*James R. Miceli*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

*19th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr and James R. Miceli for legislation relative to the Middlesex Canal Commission. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the Middlesex Canal Commission.

*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. Whereas, Secretary of the Treasury, Albert Gallatin, in 1909, declared the  
2 Middlesex canal “the greatest work of its kind in the United States to date”; and

3           Whereas, the complete length of the Old Middlesex Canal was listed as a National  
4 Register Archaeological and Historic District as of November 17, 2009; now

5           Therefore, be it enacted, that for the purposes of the restoration, to its original conditions,  
6 of the Middlesex Canal National Register Heritage District, for public access, recreation and  
7 education, that within the former footprint, without any extension beyond such boundaries, the  
8 former properties and structures of the original Canal Company, which have been or become  
9 available to the Middlesex Canal Commission, are hereby exempted from the provisions of the  
10 Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, (40) and the Waterfront Protection Act, Chapter 91, and  
11 without having to file a Notice of Intent to the local community in which such restoration occurs.