

SENATE No. 372

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan, (BY REQUEST)

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 possession and sale of shark fin.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

William Eastwick, Jr.

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By Mr. Keenan (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 372) of William Eastwick, Jr. for legislation relative to the possession and sale of shark fins. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to the possession and sale of shark fin.

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 1 of Chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended, by
2 adding the following to the list of defined terms:-

3 “Shark fin,” the raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached fin, or the raw, dried, or
4 otherwise processed detached tail of any fish of the Elasmobranchii subclass.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
6 following lines, which shall constitute section 106 of said Chapter 130:-

7 Except as otherwise provided for in this section, no person or common victualler shall
8 possess, sell, offer for sale, trade, distribute or prepare for commercial consumption a shark fin.
9 Any common victualler in possession of a shark fin processed for consumption as of the
10 effective date of this statute may possess, sell, offer for sale, trade, distribute or prepare for
11 consumption that stock of shark fin until January 1st 2014.