

**SENATE . . . . . No. 979**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel A. Wolf*

*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 exempting the Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board membership from conflict of interest regarding discussion of shellfish licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Daniel A. Wolf*

*Cape and Islands*

*Timothy R. Madden*

*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*

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By Mr. Wolf, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 979) of Daniel A. Wolf and Timothy R. Madden (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board membership from conflict of interest regarding discussion of shellfish licensing . Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act exempting the Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board membership from conflict of interest regarding discussion of shellfish licensing.

*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. The second paragraph of Chapter 465 of the Acts of 1976 (“An Act  
2 Establishing a Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board in the Town of Nantucket”) as amended by  
3 Chapter 270 of the Acts of 1979 (“An Act Providing for the Filling of Vacancies on the Harbor  
4 and Shellfish Advisory Board of the Town of Nantucket”), is hereby amended by adding the  
5 following new sentence at the end of the existing text:

6           “*It is the intent of the establishment of the Nantucket Harbor and Shellfish Advisory  
7 Board to provide an advisory role for commercial fishermen and those who make a living from  
8 the sea, to the Nantucket Board of Selectmen, therefore to encourage such persons to participate  
9 in this publicly elected advisory board, the members of the Board shall be exempt from Chapter  
10 268A subsections (a) and (c) of section 17 of the Massachusetts General Laws and from Chapter  
11 268A section 19(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws when participating in the particular  
12 matter of providing advice and recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding shellfish  
13 fishing, harvesting, licensing and fishery standards.*”

14           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.