

HOUSE No. 2579

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

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 protecting the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2579) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to a review of existing staffing levels of environmental police officers in the Commonwealth. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 739 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to protecting the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

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 10B of chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting at the end thereof the following: -

3 “The director of environmental law enforcement, in cooperation with the secretary shall
4 provide to the House and Senate committees on ways and means, the committee on the
5 environment, natural resources and agriculture and the secretary of administration and finance,
6 no later than October 1, 2016, a review of existing staffing levels of environmental police
7 officers in the Commonwealth, their geographic distribution, their individual length of service,
8 an overview of recent environmental law enforcement actions, the need for additional personnel
9 and the cost of hiring and training additional personnel necessary for the protection of the
10 Commonwealth’s natural resources and the protection of public safety.”