

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 3571**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 29, 2015.

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill authorizing the town of Marion to grant an easement on Bird Island to the Department of Fish and Game for natural resources management and protection purposes (House, No. 3571) ought to pass with an amendment in section 2, in lines 9 and 10, by striking out the words “Within 15 days following submittal, the” and inserting in place thereof the word:- The.

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY

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PRESENTED BY:

***William M. Straus and Marc R. Pacheco***

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*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 authorizing the town of Marion to grant an easement on Bird Island to the Department of Fish and Game for natural resources management and protection purposes.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*William M. Straus*

*10th Bristol*

*Marc R. Pacheco*

*First Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett and Senator Pacheco, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3571) of William M. Straus and Marc R. Pacheco (by vote of the town) that the town of Marion be authorized to grant certain easements for natural resources management and protection purposes. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act authorizing the town of Marion to grant an easement on Bird Island to the Department of Fish and Game for natural resources management and protection purposes.

*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. Notwithstanding chapter 30B of the General Laws or any general or special  
2 law to the contrary, the town of Marion may convey by deed an easement in perpetuity over the  
3 entire land known as Bird Island in Buzzards Bay in the town of Marion for natural resources  
4 management and protection purposes to the department of fish and game, its representatives,  
5 agents, contractors, invitees, successors and assigns, as more particularly shown on a plan of land  
6 dated December 2014 on file with the department entitled, "Water Resources Development  
7 Project, Section 206, Bird Island Restoration, Marion, MA, Real Estate Plan."

8 Section 2. The department shall submit an appraisal of the easement described in section  
9 1 and a report thereon to the inspector general for his review and comment. Within 15 days  
10 following submittal, the inspector general shall prepare a report containing his review of the  
11 methodology used for the appraisal and shall file the report with the commissioner of the

12 department of fish and game, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint  
13 committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.