

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4375**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mathew Muratore***

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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 Plymouth to establish an environmental affairs fund.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mathew Muratore*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*1st Plymouth*

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By Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4375) of Mathew J. Muratore (by vote of the town) that the town of Plymouth be authorized to establish an environmental affairs fund for said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish an environmental affairs fund.

*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 section 53 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other  
2 general or special law to the contrary, the town of Plymouth may establish an “Environmental  
3 Affairs Fund”, which special act shall provide that 50% of the revenues from renewable energy  
4 payments-in-lieu-of-taxes agreements be placed in the General Fund and 50% in the  
5 Environmental Affairs Fund. Any income derived from the investment or reinvestment of the  
6 special fund shall remain with and become part of the special fund. The special fund shall be  
7 available for appropriation by town meeting to meet costs related to environmental projects  
8 including but not limited to design and engineering, mitigation, land acquisition, water quality  
9 assessments, stormwater control improvement, river restoration, or as a local grant match to  
10 other state and/or federal related environmental grant opportunities.

11           Section 2. The town treasurer/collector shall be the custodian of the special fund and shall  
12 make an accounting of the special fund to each annual town meeting.

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

15           Section 4. This act shall expire five years after the date of its passage.