

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 734**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Sarah K. Peake*

*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 shellfish reefs and water quality.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 734) of Sarah K. Peake and others relative to shellfish reefs and water quality. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act relative to shellfish reefs and water quality.

*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 18 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws is hereby amended in the  
2 fourth paragraph by adding after the words “landlocked tidelands” the following: “; nor will  
3 cultching, provided that it is not placed on salt marsh or eel grass and does not present an  
4 impediment to navigation, for the express purpose of establishing, re-establishing or maintaining  
5 habitat for shellfish propagation pursuant to nutrient management measures implemented  
6 pursuant to an approved area-wide wastewater management program in accordance with Section  
7 208 of the federal Clean Water Act. ”