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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Viriato M. deMacedo

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, preserving, and increasing access to family camping.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Viriato M. deMacedo	*Plymouth and Barnstable*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. deMacedo, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 396) of Viriato M. deMacedo, Elizabeth A. Poirier, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others relative to protecting, preserving, and increasing access to family camping. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *683* OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to protecting, preserving, and increasing access to family camping.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division of state parks and recreation shall, within six months of the passage of this act, revise existing rules and regulations and promulgate rules and regulations to: increase access to camping by encouraging and facilitating the growth of Massachusetts campgrounds, while aiming to simultaneously protect public health, safety and the environment. The division shall revise regulations pertaining to septic flow, volume discharge, greywater, land size, and approved chemical additives to accurately reflect the circumstances associated with seasonal use campgrounds so as to not unnecessarily hinder campground expansion and user access. In revising and promulgating rules and regulations, the division shall consult with interest groups

including, but not limited to the Massachusetts Association of Campground Owners and the Massachusetts Camping Association.