

**SENATE . . . . . No. 471**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 creating uniform beach warnings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 471) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Viriato M. deMacedo, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others for legislation to create uniform beach warnings. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2247 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act creating uniform beach warnings.

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

1 Chapter 91 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 64. (a) The department of conservation and recreation shall create a uniform  
3 warning and safety flag program to be used at all public beaches maintained by the department of  
4 conservation and recreation. The program shall provide for a uniform size, shape, color and  
5 definition for each warning and safety flag.

6 (b) A city or town having jurisdiction over a public beach along the coast may adopt the  
7 uniform warning and safety flag program created by the department of conservation and  
8 recreation. Subsection (a) shall take effect in a city with a Plan D or Plan E charter by a vote of  
9 the city council upon submission by the city manager and in all other cities by a vote of the city

- 10 council with the approval of the mayor and in a town with a town council, by vote of the town
- 11 council and in all other towns, by a vote of the town meeting.