

HOUSE No. 456

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Nangle

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 concerning the trapping of fur-bearing mammals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>

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By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of David M. Nangle for legislation to further regulate the trapping of fur-bearing mammals. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 730 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act concerning the trapping of fur-bearing mammals.

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. Chapter 131, Section 11 is hereby amended by adding after the words, “The
2 director shall also provide trapper training courses to certify licensed trappers on the effective
3 use of box, cage and conibear type traps, for furbearing mammals, including beaver or muskrat”
4 the following: -

5 Any person licensed to trap fur-bearing mammals shall follow the “Best
6 Management Practices” guidelines approved by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies,
7 and said license shall allow for the possession of equipment recommended under those
8 guidelines.