

**SENATE . . . . . No. 414**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Viriato M. deMacedo***

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

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Viriato M. deMacedo*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Barnstable*

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By Mr. deMacedo, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 414) of Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation relative to protecting, preserving, and increasing access to family camping. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 396 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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

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