

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 733**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Ruth B. Balser***

*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 the import, sale, trade, distribution, possession, and release of marbled crayfish and marmokrebs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 733) of Ruth B. Balsler, José F. Tosado and Denise Provost relative to marbled crayfish and marmokrebs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the import, sale, trade, distribution, possession, and release of marbled crayfish and marmokrebs.

*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 37B of Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “fleas” in line 8, the following: “,  
3 marbled crayfish and marmokrebs,”.

4 SECTION 2: Section 37B of Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
5 official edition, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (j) the following subsection:

6 “(k) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding the import, sale,  
7 trade, distribution, possession, and release of marbled crayfish and marmokrebs within the  
8 Commonwealth. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations prohibiting the release of  
9 marbled crayfish and marmokrebs into sewage systems and local waters, including but not  
10 limited to rivers, lakes, streams, reservoirs, and coastal waters.”