

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 734**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David Biele*

*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 abandoned vessels on DCR property.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2019</i>

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By Mr. Biele of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 734) of David Biele relative to abandoned vessels on certain state property. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2909 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to abandoned vessels on DCR property.

*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 91 of the General Laws shall be amended by striking out Section  
2   43A and inserting in place thereof:-

3           Section 43A. If an abandoned vessel or an unlawful or unauthorized structure or thing is  
4   deposited or suffered to remain in the tide waters of the commonwealth, or if such a vessel has  
5   been grounded within the limits of a harbor or on the shores of the commonwealth, the  
6   department shall move it or cause it to be removed, after which time the department may become  
7   a claimant and apply for title from the office, in accordance with sections 40 to 43, inclusive.