

HOUSE No. 737

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

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 to create the department of marine fisheries resources.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i> | <i>13th Bristol</i> | <i>1/10/2019</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i> | <i>9th Hampden</i> | <i>1/25/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 737) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to create the department of marine fisheries resources. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act to create the department of marine fisheries resources.

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 1 of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 26 by striking out “division of marine fisheries” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following: “division of marine fisheries resources.”

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 130 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
5 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 1A and inserting in place thereof the
6 following:

7 Section 1A. The division of marine fisheries resources shall be within the department in
8 the executive office of environmental affairs and shall be under the administrative supervision of
9 a director who shall be called the director of marine fisheries resources. The director of the
10 division of marine fisheries resources shall be appointed and may be removed by the
11 commissioner of the department of fish and game with the approval of the marine fisheries
12 advisory commission. The said division of marine fisheries resources shall:

13 (a) Promote and develop the commercial fishing industry; investigate improved methods
14 of marketing and distributing commercial fish products within the commonwealth; and establish
15 standards and design labels for the identification of commercial fish products processed,
16 prepared or packed for distribution and for retail sales;

17 (b) Improve the conditions for fishermen, fish processors and other shore side industries;

18 (c) Collect and disseminate catch data as well as statistics about the fish and shellfish
19 brought into, processed, marketed, stored or held within the commonwealth, and make such
20 statistics available to the public from time to time and the location thereof;

21 (d) Arrange for lectures and issue for general distribution such publications best adapted
22 to promote the interests of commercial fisheries;

23 (e) Establish and maintain properties at such places within the commonwealth for the
24 purpose of propagating, rearing and protecting fish;

25 (f) Enter into agreements with public or private entities, including the University of
26 Massachusetts, to perform fish counts and fish stock analyses or other fisheries research;

27 (g) Publish reports or recommendations based on fish counts, fish stock analyses or other
28 fisheries research;

29 (h) Advise the Governor of the potential impact of regulation on the fishing industry and
30 co-operate with all departments, boards, officials and institutions of the commonwealth or its
31 subdivisions that may be concerned in any way with matters under its supervision;

32 (i) Co-operate with other states, with the United States of America or any agency thereof,
33 with other nations and with any other agencies as may be authorized by the general court, and

34 receive and dispense such funds from any of such agencies, states or governments as may be
35 authorized by the general court; and

36 (j) Oversee the division of marine fisheries resources and all of its functions and
37 administer all the laws relating to marine fisheries as appearing in chapter one hundred and thirty
38 and any other general or special laws, except as pertain to the enforcement thereof.”

39 SECTION 3. Section 1B of chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
40 striking out, in line 1, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in place thereof the
41 following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

42 SECTION 4. Section 74 of chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended as
43 follows:

44 (a) striking out, in line 1, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in
45 place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”; and

46 (b) striking out, in line 8, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in
47 place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”; and

48 (c) striking out, in lines 8-9, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in
49 place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

50 (d) striking out, in line 26, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in
51 place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

52 (e) striking out, in line 36, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in
53 place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

54 (f) striking out, in line 40, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in
55 place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

56 (g) striking out, in line 44, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in
57 place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

58 (h) striking out, in lines 45-46, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting
59 in place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

60 (i) striking out, in lines 51-52, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting
61 in place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

62 (j) striking out, in line 58, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in
63 place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

64 (k) striking out, in lines 62-63, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting
65 in place thereof the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

66 SECTION 5. Section 76 of chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
67 striking out, in line 1, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in place thereof the
68 following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

69 SECTION 6. Section 77 of chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
70 striking out, in lines 2-3, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in place thereof
71 the following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.

72 SECTION 7. Section 80 of chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
73 striking out, in line 25, the words “division of marine fisheries” and inserting in place thereof the
74 following words:- “division of marine fisheries resources”.