

HOUSE No. 790

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmin Lawrence Gentile

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 authorizing mushroom picking for personal use on certain state park lands.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>David Paul Linsky</i> | <i>5th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i> | <i>15th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i> | <i>9th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Paul F. Tucker</i> | <i>7th Essex</i> |
| <i>Natalie M. Blais</i> | <i>1st Franklin</i> |
| <i>Michael S. Day</i> | <i>31st Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i> | <i>8th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Brendan P. Crighton</i> | <i>Third Essex</i> |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i> | <i>8th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i> | <i>9th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Edward F. Coppinger</i> | <i>10th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Hecht</i> | <i>29th Middlesex</i> |

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| <i>Ruth B. Balsler</i> | <i>12th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i> | <i>28th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i> | <i>First Essex</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Paul W. Mark</i> | <i>2nd Berkshire</i> |
| <i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i> | <i>8th Essex</i> |

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 790) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to authorizing mushroom picking for personal use on certain state park lands. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act authorizing mushroom picking for personal use on certain state park lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 132A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2D the
2 following section:-

3 Section 2E. The commissioner shall authorize any person to take mushrooms from any
4 state parks, state forest recreation areas and state reservations under the control of the
5 commissioner provided such taking is for personal use only. The commonwealth shall have no
6 liability to any person or the heirs or assigns of any such person who engages in the taking of
7 mushrooms from any state parks, state forest recreation areas and state reservations under the
8 control of the commissioner.