

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Nangle

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 concerning the trapping of fur-bearing mammals.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| David M. Nangle | 17th Middlesex | 1/15/2019 |

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 839) of David M. Nangle for legislation to further regulate the trapping of fur-bearing mammals. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 456 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act concerning the trapping of fur-bearing mammals.

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

| 1 5 | SECTION 1. | Chapter 131. | , Section 11 is hereb | y amended by | y adding after th | ne words, "The |
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2 director shall also provide trapper training courses to certify licensed trappers on the effective

3 use of box, cage and conibear type traps, for furbearing mammals, including beaver or muskrat"

- 4 the following: -
 - Any person licensed to trap fur-bearing mammals shall follow the "Best

6 Management Practices" guidelines approved by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies,

- 7 and said license shall allow for the possession of equipment recommended under those
- 8 guidelines.

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