

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 839**

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**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:
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2019</i>

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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.

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[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)  
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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           SECTION 1. Chapter 131, Section 11 is hereby amended by adding after the words, “The  
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: -

5                           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.