

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Biele, (BY REQUEST)

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 regarding the safety of wild turkeys.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chris Soule</i>		<i>2/19/2020</i>

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By Mr. Biele of Boston (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chris Soule relative to wild turkeys. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act regarding the safety of wild turkeys.

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 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 75 and
2 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 75. Except as provided in this section and section 5, a person shall not hunt or
4 have in their possession a wild turkey or take, molest, disturb, destroy or have in possession the
5 nest or eggs of a wild turkey; provided, however, that a city, town or licensed wildlife
6 rehabilitator may remove a wild turkey from an urban area and safely relocate said wild turkey to
7 a rural area; and provided, further that the commissioner shall promulgate regulations regarding
8 the removal of wild turkeys from urban areas.