

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 444**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Murphy*

*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 relative to wildlife rehabilitators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 444) of James M. Murphy relative to wildlife rehabilitators. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 317 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to wildlife rehabilitators.

*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 58 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after subsection 8 the following:

3           9. A wildlife rehabilitator shall be defined as any person who is permitted as a state or  
4 federal wildlife rehabilitator and shall practice wildlife care without the direct or indirect  
5 supervision of a licensed veterinarian so far as a licensed veterinarian has issued a predetermined  
6 protocol developed with the standard of care as outlined by the licensed veterinarian in  
7 accordance to wildlife rehabilitation. As Wildlife rehabilitator shall be able to: diagnose, make a  
8 prognosis as to the sustainability to recover from disease or injury, treat, manipulate or  
9 administer drug or biologic and who does not hold himself or herself out as an omit registered  
10 veterinarian and does receive pecuniary consideration