

HOUSE No. 444

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.

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

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

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