

HOUSE No. 853

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Biele

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 abandoned vessels on DCR property.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

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By Mr. Biele of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 853) of David Biele relative to abandoned vessels on certain state property. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 734 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to abandoned vessels on DCR property.

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 91 of the General Laws shall be amended by striking out Section
2 43A and inserting in place thereof:-

3 Section 43A. If an abandoned vessel or an unlawful or unauthorized structure or thing is
4 deposited or suffered to remain in the tide waters of the commonwealth, or if such a vessel has
5 been grounded within the limits of a harbor or on the shores of the commonwealth, the
6 department shall move it or cause it to be removed, after which time the department may become
7 a claimant and apply for title from the office, in accordance with sections 40 to 43, inclusive.