

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 952**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick Joseph Kearney*

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*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 to open the Massachusetts lobster fishery.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 952) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and others for legislation to authorize commercial lobster fisherman to fish according to their permit for 12 months a year in state waters. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 814 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to open the Massachusetts lobster fishery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, the State of Massachusetts Department of
- 2 Marine Fisheries shall allow any person with a commercial Commonwealth lobster permit issued
- 3 to fish according to his/her permit for 12 months a year in state waters as defined by the United
- 4 Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS).