

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 928**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Carmin Lawrence Gentile***

*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 authorizing mushroom picking for personal use on certain state park lands.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>

<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 928) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to authorizing mushroom picking for personal use on certain state park lands. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3946 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 authorizing mushroom picking for personal use on certain state park lands.

*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 132A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 2D the following section:-

3           Section 2E. Any person may take mushrooms for a personal and non-commercial use  
4 from state parks, forest recreation areas, and reservations under the control of the department of  
5 conservation and recreation. Notwithstanding, the commissioner, may limit any area of  
6 department controlled lands where persons shall not take mushrooms, and may make rules and  
7 regulations for the taking of mushrooms on such lands, pursuant to the procedures under  
8 section 7.

9           The department and its employees, shall not be liable for the injury or death to any  
10 person, related to a person's taking of mushrooms, or consuming or using mushrooms, from said  
11 parks, forest recreation areas, and reservations, unless any willful or reckless conduct by the  
12 department or its employees, contributed to such injury or death.

13           The term "take" or "taking" as used in this section shall mean the collecting, picking or  
14 cutting of mushrooms, including removing any mushroom from department lands.

15           SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect 6 months after the passage of this act.