SENATE No. 509

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin, (BY REQUEST)

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 wetland protection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Victoria Petracca

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Cronin (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 509) of Victoria Petracca for legislation relative to wetland protection. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to wetland protection.

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 23 of Chapter 40B of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting after the
2	last sentence in the first paragraph the following:
3	The denial of waivers from provisions of municipal natural resource protection bylaws or
4	ordinances adopted and approved pursuant to section 32 of chapter 40 and administered by a
5	municipal conservation commission established under section 8C of chapter 40, and any
6	regulations properly adopted thereunder, shall be presumed to be consistent with local needs,
7	provided that the purpose of said provisions of such bylaws, ordinances or regulations is the
8	protection and/or promotion of Waters of the Commonwealth as defined in section 26A of
9	chapter 21 and any regulations adopted thereunder, including wetlands, surface waters and
10	groundwater.