

SENATE No. 599

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 waterways permitting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 599) of Patrick M. O'Connor, James M. Murphy, John F. Keenan, Walter F. Timilty and others for legislation relative to waterways permitting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 516 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to waterways permitting.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
2 of environmental protection shall interpret chapter 91 of the general laws, and any associated
3 regulations, as requiring any facility ancillary to or associated with a water dependent use (i)
4 must be ancillary or associated to the originally permitted use; or (ii) must be demanded as
5 necessary or essential; (iii) is neither merely reasonable, suitable, or appropriate.