

SENATE No. 614

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 salvage, disposition, and possession of deer, moose, bear, birds, and mammals killed by means other than sport hunting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 614) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to salvage, disposition, and possession of deer, moose, bear, birds, and mammals killed by means other than sport hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act relative to salvage, disposition, and possession of deer, moose, bear, birds, and mammals killed by means other than sport hunting.

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. Section 22A as appearing in 2018 official edition is hereby struck in its
2 entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

3 Section 22A. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections twenty-two, twenty-three and
4 twenty-four, the director, with the approval of the fisheries and wildlife board, may make, alter,
5 amend, and rescind rules and regulations relative to the disposition of deer, moose, bear, birds,
6 and mammals killed by means other than sport hunting. Such rules and regulations shall include,
7 but not be limited to, the procedures for acquiring and possessing such deer, moose, bear, birds,
8 and mammals categories of persons authorized to acquire and possess such deer, moose and bear
9 and procedures and time limits for timely and accurate administration of such disposition. The
10 director is hereby authorized to issue a permit, the cost of which shall not exceed twenty-five
11 dollars, to each person authorized to possess such deer, moose, bear, birds, and mammals and
12 each such deer, moose, bear, birds, and mammals or carcass thereof shall be reported to a law

13 enforcement agency and assigned a unique identifier number by the respective law enforcement
14 agency receiving the report. Persons authorized to possess such deer, moose, bear, birds, and
15 mammals shall then report such number through a website and in such a manner as the director
16 shall prescribe. Fees accrued under this section shall be deposited in the Inland Fisheries and
17 Game Fund, pursuant to the provisions of section 2C. Any deer killed by means other than sport
18 hunting and not acquired by an individual under provisions of this section shall be disposed of by
19 the director of law enforcement in the best interest of the commonwealth, including but not
20 limited to, donations to civic associations, sportsmen's clubs, and churches. The commonwealth
21 or any of its subdivisions or any employee thereof shall not assume liability for any acts leading
22 to or arising from disposition of deer under this section.

23 The division of fisheries and wildlife in consultation with the department of
24 environmental police with regards to said procedures and time limits for timely and accurate
25 administration of such disposition shall develop a public facing website for any eligible person to
26 submit information as determined by the director for the timely and accurate administration of
27 such disposition of deer, moose, bear, birds, and mammals.