

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2035**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Peter Capano*

*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 prevent nonprofit institutions from avoiding wetlands or natural resource protections under the so-called Dover Amendment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2035) of Peter Capano relative to zoning restrictions for land or structures for religious or educational purposes. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1765 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to prevent nonprofit institutions from avoiding wetlands or natural resource protections under the so-called Dover Amendment.

*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. The General Court hereby finds and declares that the use of the so-called  
2 Dover amendment by nonprofit institutions to avoid wetland or natural resource area protections  
3 may be harmful to the public health and environment.

4           SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 53, the words “restrict the” and  
6 inserting in place thereof the following words:- restrict, other than through wetlands or natural  
7 resource area protections, the.