

HOUSE No. 4522

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 8, 2024.

The committee on Agriculture, to whom were referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 94) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Jacob R. Oliveira and Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to include the growing and cultivation of both hemp and marijuana in the definition of agriculture; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 759) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to establish a division of marine fisheries resources within the Department of Fish and Game of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 836) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership to have a seat on the Seaport Economic Council; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 837) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to authorize commercial lobster fisherman to fish according to their permit for 12 months a year in state waters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 839) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to recreational shell fishing areas; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 878) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to regulating the sale and purchase of horses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 915) of Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to regulate cottage foods; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4206) of Rodney M. Elliott and James Arciero that the Division of Animal Health be authorized to regulate the preservation of existing pet cemeteries, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4522) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

PAUL A. SCHMID, III.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Agriculture be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 94, 759, 836,
3 837, 839, 878, 915 and 4206, relative to fisheries, cottage foods, horse sales, pet cemeteries and
4 other agriculture matters. .

5 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
6 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
7 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
8 on or before December 31, 2024.