

HOUSE No. 4735

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 15, 2024.

The committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 744) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the funding of waterway projects and coastal protection initiatives; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 745) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to community preservation funds for seawall repairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 747) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet shops; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 774) of Josh S. Cutler and Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate the possibility of creating a state grant or low interest loan program for properties prone to flooding; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 806) of Elliot Elkin relative to establishing a special commission on sustainable aviation fuel-induced contrail mitigation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 832) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to subsurface systems for the disposal of domestic sewage; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 834) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to ocean acidification; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to a marine special activity license program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 842) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to establish a flood mitigation and preparedness program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 848) of Kathleen R. LaNatra, Christopher Hendricks and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to establishing a commercial fisheries offshore wind mitigation fund to be administered by the Division of Marine Fisheries; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 856) of Adrian C. Madaro that the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs establish a special board to identify and assess the cumulative social, economic and public health impacts of permissible land uses and water uses within designated port areas in environmental justice communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 858) of Christopher M. Markey and

others for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to deer population control; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 867) of Mathew J. Muratore and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the feasibility of creating and implementing a gypsy moth spraying program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 883) of David Allen Robertson relative to industrial wastewater discharges of dental facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 885) of David Allen Robertson relative to maximum containment levels for certain harmful compounds in drinking water; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 901) of Paul A. Schmid, III and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to exempt veterans from Division of State Parks and Recreation fees; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 918) of David T. Vieira relative to changing the name of the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund to the George L. Darey inland fisheries and game fund, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4735) ought to be adopted. [Senator Tarr dissents.]

For the committee,

DANIEL CAHILL.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Environment and Natural Resources be authorized to sit
2 during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents
3 numbered 744, 745, 747, 774, 806, 832, 834, 841, 842, 848, 856, 858, 867, 883, 885, 901 and
4 918, relative to waterways, wastewater, floods and other related 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.