

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 743**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce J. Ayers*

*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 Long and Moon Islands in Boston Harbor.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 743) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to Long and Moon Islands in Boston Harbor. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3879 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to Long and Moon Islands in Boston Harbor.

*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 33 of chapter 92 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following 2  
3 paragraphs:-

4 The division shall, on Long island within Boston harbor, establish as land of the  
5 commonwealth, the Long island reservation for the purposes of park land, passive recreational  
6 use and the preservation of open space and conservation land to protect the coastal beaches,  
7 palustrine wetlands, estuarine intertidal wetlands, marine intertidal wetlands and salt marsh, and  
8 to provide a habitat for native oysters and other local shellfish. The reservation shall create an  
9 accessible park for the public with ocean shoreline and shall remain listed in the state register of  
10 historic places.

11           The division shall, on Moon island within Quincy bay, establish as land of the  
12   commonwealth, the Moon island reservation for the purposes of park land, passive recreational  
13   use and the preservation of open space and conservation land to protect the coastal beaches,  
14   palustrine wetlands, estuarine intertidal wetlands, marine intertidal wetlands and salt marsh, and  
15   to provide a habitat for native oysters and other local shellfish.

16           SECTION 2. Not later than June 30, 2025, the department of capital asset and  
17   maintenance, on behalf of the division of state parks and recreation in the department of  
18   conservation and recreation shall take in fee, pursuant to chapter 79 of the General Laws, the  
19   land mass encompassing the islands known as Long island and Moon island in the city of  
20   Boston; provided, however, that the department shall enter into leases for certain properties  
21   currently used for recreational purposes and rehabilitative facilities. The lands shall be taken  
22   pursuant to Article XCVII of the amendments to the Constitution for the public benefit of the  
23   commonwealth and Long island and Moon island are hereby declared reservation lands of the  
24   commonwealth pursuant to chapter 92 of the General Laws.