HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kristin E. Kassner

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 facilitating wetland restoration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:Kristin E. Kassner2nd Essex7/17/2024

HOUSE No.

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin E. Kassner relative to ecological restoration projects. Environment and Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act facilitating wetland restoration.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Orders restricting coastal wetlands recorded pursuant to section 105 of chapter 130 of the

General Laws prior to July 1, 2024, and orders restricting inland wetlands recorded pursuant to

section 40A of chapter 131 of the General Laws prior to July 1, 2024, shall permit or allow

4 ecological restoration projects, as defined in 310 CMR 10.04; provided, that such ecological

5 restoration project is permitted by the department of environmental protection or local issuing

6 authority pursuant to section 40 of chapter 131 of the General Laws and applicable regulations.