

SENATE No. 556

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jacob R. Oliveira

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 the MassTrails program administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and any act relative to Massachusetts transportation resources.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Aaron L. Saunders</i> | <i>7th Hampden</i> |

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By Mr. Oliveira, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 556) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Aaron L. Saunders for legislation relative to the MassTrails program administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and any act relative to Massachusetts transportation resources. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

An Act relative to the MassTrails program administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and any act relative to Massachusetts transportation resources.

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 2810-0100 of the State Budget, referred to as H1, shall add after the
2 following phrase; “provided further, that the department may issue grants to public and
3 nonpublic entities from this item”, the following words shall be added subsequent to the previous
4 phrase; “and, which shall include not less than \$500,000 dollars for the enhancement of
5 Snowmobile Trail design, construction and connections within the Commonwealth”.

6 SECTION 2. Funding provided by Bonding Bills (such as H5151 for fiscal year 2022) for
7 such programs as MassTrails as administered by the Department of Conservation and
8 Recreation, shall have after any and all occurrences of the phrase “ for pedestrians and cyclists”
9 the following words shall be added “and Snowmobiles”.

10 SECTION 3. Any grant funding, such as MassTrails as administered by the Department
11 of Conservation and Recreation, for trails in the Commonwealth shall provide that not less than

- 12 20% of said Commonwealth funds shall be available to the enhancement of Snowmobile Trail
- 13 design, construction and connections within the Commonwealth.