

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1025**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Sean Reid*

*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 addressing noise issues of migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Reid</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Reid of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1025) of Sean Reid for legislation to regulate migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings. Environment and Natural Resources.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act addressing noise issues of migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings.

*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 58 of chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting the following words after "thereof.":-

3 "Provided further that any persons hunting migratory game birds from a watercraft or any  
4 boat or floating device propelled by sail, steam, naphtha, gasoline, electricity, compressed air or  
5 similar motive power, shall not discharge any firearm within one thousand feet of the coastal  
6 shoreline."

7 SECTION 2. Section 65 of chapter 131 of the General Law is hereby amended by  
8 inserting the following words after "blind":- ", provided further that any water craft used for said  
9 hunting purposes shall not be within one thousand feet of the coastal shoreline;"