

HOUSE No. 4086

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher Richard Flanagan

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 a three year study for stormwater engineering to protect habitats along state highways.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4086) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to a study of stormwater engineering to protect habitats along state highways. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to a three year study for stormwater engineering to protect habitats along state highways.

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. The division of highways within the Massachusetts Department of
2 Transportation, established pursuant to section 37 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, shall
3 conduct a study over 3 years on the steps necessary to protect vulnerable habitats, especially
4 wetlands and waterways, along state highways. The study shall include an analysis of: (i) the
5 drainage infrastructure along state highways; (ii) the presence of harmful contaminants from road
6 surfaces and road construction in stormwater along state highways; (iii) the level and type of
7 pollution in habitats resulting from drainage from state highways; and (iv) potential mitigation
8 strategies to reduce and eventually eliminate pollution caused by state highway drainage.

9 SECTION 2. Not later than June 30, 2028, the division of highways shall submit its
10 report containing the results of the study conducted pursuant to section 1, together with any
11 proposed legislative or regulatory changes, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the

- 12 senate, the joint committee on transportation and the joint committee on environment and natural
- 13 resources.