

HOUSE No. 5335

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor

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 establishing the official crustacean of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/17/2026</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/17/2026</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/12/2026</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/16/2026</i>
<i>Steven J. Ouellette</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>3/18/2026</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/13/2026</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/22/2026</i>

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By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to designate the American lobster as the official crustacean of the Commonwealth. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act establishing the official crustacean of the Commonwealth.

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

- 1 Chapter 2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-
- 2 Section 65. The American lobster shall be the official crustacean of the commonwealth.