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HOUSE . . . . . No. 892

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 resolve:

Resolve to establish a special commission to perform an investigation and providing for a study relative to the long term management, maintenance and future use of the Boston Harbor Long and Moon Islands.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*	*1/15/2025*

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By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 892) of Bruce J. Ayers for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the long-term management and maintenance of certain harbor islands. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *748* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Resolve to establish a special commission to perform an investigation and providing for a study relative to the long term management, maintenance and future use of the Boston Harbor Long and Moon Islands.

Resolved, That, notwithstanding any general law, special law or local ordinance to the contrary, a special commission is hereby established for the purpose of conducting an investigation and study of methods to provide long term management and maintenance of Moon Island and for determining and publicizing projected future use of Long Island; provided that said special commission shall consist of two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate President, two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the House Speaker, the mayor of Boston or his designee, the district Boston City Councilor, the mayor of Quincy or his designee, the district Quincy City Councilor, one representative of the National Park Service, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs or his designee, one

individual representing conservation and environmental interests appointed by said Secretary and the executive director of the Squantum Neighborhood Association or his designee.

Within 180 days after the passage of this bill, the special commission shall report to the House of Representatives and Senate the results of its investigation and study for preserving Moon Island along with a non-binding master plan for the future use of Long Island. Said special commission shall also file recommendations for further environmental oversight and preservation of said islands together with any drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than December 1, 2027.