

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jessica Ann Giannino

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 to promote natural carbon sequestration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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

An Act to promote natural carbon sequestration.

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 21N of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 3B, the
2 following section: -

3 Section 3C. The Secretary shall, in consultation with the department and the coastal zone
4 management office created in Section 4A of Chapter 21A, develop a quantified net positive
5 statewide carbon sequestration and storage goal for natural and working lands as defined in
6 Section 1. In consideration of Massachusetts’ substantial coastline, the Secretary shall study the
7 sequestration capacity of its salt marshes, seagrasses, and waterways in developing the
8 Commonwealth’s carbon sequestration goal. The sequestration goal shall be determined in
9 agreement with the statewide greenhouse gas emission reductions goals as established by the
10 Secretary.