

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick Joseph Kearney

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 reinforce municipal territory authority.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to reinforce municipal territory authority.

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 2 of chapter 54 of the Acts of 1953 is hereby amended by striking
2 in section 2 after the first occurrence of the word "cove" the following:- "within the territorial
3 limits of the commonwealth" and inserting thereof the following:- "within the sole limits of
4 Cohasset's authority over its own territorial waters and and not extending to any other
5 municipality's territorial waters"