

SENATE No. 578

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Durant

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 hunting near a dwelling.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Peter J. Durant</i> | <i>Worcester and Hampshire</i> | |
| <i>Christopher M. Markey</i> | <i>9th Bristol</i> | <i>2/7/2025</i> |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i> | <i>2/7/2025</i> |
| <i>Kelly W. Pease</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> | <i>3/19/2025</i> |
| <i>John R. Gaskey</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>10/22/2025</i> |

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By Mr. Durant, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 578) of Peter J. Durant, Christopher M. Markey and Joseph D. McKenna for legislation relative to hunting near a dwelling. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 498 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to hunting near a dwelling.

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 58 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting, in line 6, after the word "thereof" the following words:-

3 ", provided that a person may hunt with a bow and arrow from an elevated tree stand not
4 less than 250 feet from any dwelling in use except as authorized by the owner or occupant
5 thereof".