

# SENATE . . . . . No. 648

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*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 to protect open space, historical resources, and community housing from coastal threats.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 648) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to community preservation funds for seawall repairs. Environment and Natural Resources.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 547 OF 2023-2024.]

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

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An Act to protect open space, historical resources, and community housing from coastal threats.

*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 2 of chapter 44B, as appearing in 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
2           striking out the definition "preservation" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-
- 3           "Preservation", protection of personal or real property from injury, harm or destruction,  
4           including but not limited to the construction, alteration, or rehabilitation of beaches, dunes,  
5           seawalls, and other coastal infrastructure for the purpose of protecting open space, historical  
6           resources, or community housing from flooding, sea-level rise, and storm surge.