

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 02006**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Peter V. Kocot*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act prohibiting clear cutting in state forests and parks

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2006) of Story and others for legislation to further regulate the clear cutting of certain forested lands Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 765 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act prohibiting clear cutting in state forests and parks

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*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 7 of Chapter 21a of the general Laws is hereby amended by inserting at  
2 the end thereof the following:–“...provided, that the secretary shall prohibit the clear cutting of  
3 any forested lands under his care and custody, unless necessary to eradicate harmful and invasive  
4 insect species. For the purposes of this section, clear cutting shall be defined as the harvesting of  
5 more than seventy-five percent of trees within an area and/or contiguous parcels greater than one  
6 acre.”

7 SECTION 2. Section 40 of Chapter 132 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at  
8 the end thereof the following:–“...therefore, it is the policy of the Commonwealth to prohibit

9 clear cutting on all state owned lands and lands under the authority of all public and quasi-public  
10 authorities, including, but not limited to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the  
11 Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and all  
12 municipal watershed properties with conservation protection easements purchased by the  
13 commonwealth.”