

HOUSE No. 2035

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter Capano

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 prevent nonprofit institutions from avoiding wetlands or natural resource protections under the so-called Dover Amendment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

HOUSE No. 2035

By Representative Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2035) of Peter Capano relative to zoning restrictions for land or structures for religious or educational purposes. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1765 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to prevent nonprofit institutions from avoiding wetlands or natural resource protections under the so-called Dover Amendment.

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. The General Court hereby finds and declares that the use of the so-called
2 Dover amendment by nonprofit institutions to avoid wetland or natural resource area protections
3 may be harmful to the public health and environment.

4 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 53, the words “restrict the” and
6 inserting in place thereof the following words:- restrict, other than through wetlands or natural
7 resource area protections, the.