

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2135**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sarah K. Peake***

*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 shellfish reefs and water quality.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2135) of Sarah K. Peake and others relative to shellfish reefs and water quality. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 734 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to shellfish reefs and water quality.

*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 18 of chapter 91 of the General Laws is hereby amended in the  
2 fourth paragraph by adding after the words “landlocked tidelands”, the following: “; nor will  
3 cultching, provided that it is not placed on salt marsh or eel grass and does not present an  
4 impediment to navigation, for the express purpose of establishing, re-establishing or maintaining  
5 habitat for shellfish propagation pursuant to nutrient management measures implemented  
6 pursuant to an approved area-wide wastewater management program in accordance with section  
7 208 of the federal clean water act. ”