

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2956**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*William M. Straus*

*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 conservation restrictions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Straus of Mattapoissett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2956) of William M. Straus relative to taxation for certain land subject to conservation restrictions. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3073 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to conservation restrictions.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for conservation restrictions, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 of chapter 61B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:-

3           Land not less than three acres in area shall be deemed to be recreational land if it is  
4 subject to a conservation restriction in perpetuity as defined under section 31 of chapter 184.