

HOUSE No. 375

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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 wildlife rehabilitators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 375) of James M. Murphy for legislation to further regulate wildlife rehabilitators. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act relative to wildlife rehabilitators.

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 58 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after subsection 9 the following:

3 10. The giving of aid or care of sick, injured, debilitated and orphaned wildlife by a
4 trained wildlife rehabilitator, as permitted by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in
5 accordance with 321 CMR 2.13. Permitted wildlife rehabilitators shall enter into a signed
6 written agreement with a veterinarian subject to written approval by the Division of Fisheries and
7 Wildlife which shall outline the specific procedures, services, responsibilities, and limitations of
8 the wildlife rehabilitator.