

HOUSE No. 4275

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 6, 2018.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2120) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the control of tick-borne illnesses by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4275) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the control of tick-borne illness.

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 1 of chapter 252 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “mosquitoes”, in line 4, the
3 following words:- or ticks.

4 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 inserting after the word “commissioner”, in line 3, the following words:- 1 employee of the
6 department of fish and game designated by its commissioner.

7 SECTION 3. Said Section 2 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby further
8 amended by striking out the words “state reclamation and mosquito control board”, in lines 5 and
9 6, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- state reclamation, mosquito and tick
10 control board.

11 SECTION 4. Section 3 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
12 inserting after the second sentence the following two sentences:- The board may investigate
13 integrated pest management techniques for the protection of public health and the protection

14 against tick-borne disease. It may publish and disseminate facts of general interest ascertained in
15 the conduct of any such investigation including the financial and public health efficacy of the
16 techniques, and may make and publish surveys of tracts of land with high rates of tick-borne
17 disease, showing their situation and such other details as it deems advisable.

18 SECTION 5. Section 5A of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
19 striking out the words “Mosquito and Greenhead Fly Control Fund”, in line 15, in lines 75 and
20 76 and in line 94, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:-
21 Mosquito, Greenhead Fly and Tick Control Fund.

22 SECTION 6. Section 24 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
23 striking out the words “state reclamation board”, in line 1, and inserting in place thereof the
24 following words:- “state reclamation, mosquito and tick control board.”

25 SECTION 7. Said chapter 252 is hereby further amended by adding the following
26 section:-

27 Section 25. Upon request of a city or town, the state reclamation, mosquito and tick
28 control board may implement integrated pest management techniques investigated as described
29 in section 3 for the protection of public health and the protection against tick-borne disease;
30 provided, the costs of implementing any requested techniques may be assessed to such city or
31 town. A request shall be made in a city by a vote of the city council with the approval of the
32 mayor and in a town by a vote of the selectmen.

33 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.