

HOUSE No. 654

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

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 promote regionalization with watershed based permitting.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Ellen Story</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James M. Murphy</i> | <i>4th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Kate Hogan</i> | <i>3rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i> | <i>8th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 654) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others that the Department of Environmental Protection conduct a feasibility study for the implementation of watershed based planning. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 689 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act to promote regionalization with watershed based permitting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The department of environmental protection shall conduct a feasibility study for the
2 implementation of watershed-based permitting. The department shall complete a report of its
3 findings within 1 year of the effective date of this act. A copy of the report shall be provided to
4 the governor, the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the chairs of the house
5 and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on environment, natural
6 resources and agriculture.