

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 708**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**James Cantwell**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect the coast.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James Cantwell

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 775 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT TO PROTECT THE COAST.

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

1           There is hereby established in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Department of  
2 Conservation and Recreation, Division of Waterways, a grant program to assist Massachusetts coastal cities and  
3 towns in repairing, rebuilding, restoring beaches, shores, seawalls, and dunes and other structures necessary to  
4 protect the shores of property of said coastal communities.  
5 Such grant programs shall have an annual appropriation submitted as a separate line item within the Division of  
6 Waterways, of no less than \$2 million.