

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 854**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***David Biele, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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 relating to the safety of wild turkeys.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chris Soule</i>		<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Biele of Boston (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 854) of Chris Soule relative to the protection of wild turkeys. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relating to the safety of wild turkeys.

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

1 Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 75 and  
2 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 75. Except as provided in this section and section 5, a person shall not hunt or  
4 have in their possession a wild turkey or take, molest, disturb, destroy or have in possession the  
5 nest or eggs of a wild turkey; provided, however, that a city, town or licensed wildlife  
6 rehabilitator may remove a wild turkey from an urban area and safely relocate said wild turkey to  
7 a rural area; and provided, further that the commissioner shall promulgate regulations regarding  
8 the removal of wild turkeys from urban areas.