

HOUSE No. 893

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

RoseLee Vincent

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 the disposal of sea mammals on metropolitan beaches.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

RoseLee Vincent

16th Suffolk

Maria Duaine Robinson

6th Middlesex

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By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 893) of RoseLee Vincent and Maria Duaine Robinson relative to the disposal of sea mammals on metropolitan beaches. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the disposal of sea mammals on metropolitan beaches.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, the Department of Conservation and Recreation shall not be permitted to bury any
3 marine mammals, including seals, porpoises and whales, on metropolitan beaches that are owned
4 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and operated by the Department of Conservation and
5 Recreation.

6 SECTION 2. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall develop an
7 appropriate policy for the disposal of these dead creatures that does not include burial on the
8 metropolitan beaches or towing them to sea in such a way that they could wash ashore on
9 another location. The Department shall submit a draft of such policy to the Legislature and the
10 Metropolitan Beaches Commission no later than July 1, 2019 in order to solicit public comment
11 before a final policy is adopted and implemented no later than January 1, 2020.

12 SECTION 3. For the purposes of this section, "metropolitan beaches" shall include the
13 beaches as described in Subsection B in Section 3 of Chapter 70 of the Massachusetts General
14 Laws.