

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 978**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mathew J. Muratore***

*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 study the feasibility of creating and implementing a gypsy moth spraying program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 978) of Mathew J. Muratore and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the feasibility of creating and implementing a gypsy moth spraying program. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 837 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to study the feasibility of creating and implementing a gypsy moth spraying program.

*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 to the contrary, there shall be a  
2 special commission, to study and report on the feasibility of creating and implementing a gypsy  
3 moth spraying program. The scope of the commission shall include, but not limited to:  
4 researching, evaluating and developing recommendations related to establishing the policy and  
5 procedures for the control of the spread of the gypsy moth population in the commonwealth;  
6 studying current regulations in Massachusetts and from other states and countries related to the  
7 spraying of pesticides and neonicotinoids; identifying adequacy of funding for efforts to  
8 implement a gypsy moth spraying program; and identifying the economic, environmental and  
9 public health benefits and costs of such program.

10           The special commission shall consist of: the secretary of energy and environmental  
11 affairs, or a designee; the commissioner of environmental protection, or a designee; 3 members  
12 who shall be appointed by the governor-1 member of the senate to be appointed by the senate  
13 president, 1 member of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker, 1 member of  
14 the senate appointed by the senate minority leader.

15           The special commission shall submit its final report of the findings and recommendations  
16 together with drafts of legislation to implement those recommendations by filing the same with  
17 the executive office of energy and environmental affairs; the department of environmental  
18 protection; the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture; and the clerks  
19 of the senate and the house no later than 1 year after the passage of this bill.