

SENATE No. 455

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brendan P. Crighton

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 addressing noise issues of migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brendan P. Crighton

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Essex

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 455) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to address noise issues of migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 507 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act addressing noise issues of migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings.

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. Section 58 of chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting the following words after "thereof.":-

3 "Provided further that any persons hunting migratory game birds from a watercraft or any
4 boat or floating device propelled by sail, steam, naphtha, gasoline, electricity, compressed air or
5 similar motive power, shall not discharge any firearm within one thousand feet of the coastal
6 shoreline."

7 SECTION 2. Section 65 of chapter 131 of the General Law is hereby amended by
8 inserting the following words after "blind":- ", provided further that any water craft used for said
9 hunting purposes shall not be within one thousand feet of the coastal shoreline;"