

**SENATE . . . . . No. 506**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Brendan P. Crighton***

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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 relative to the disposal of sea mammals on metropolitan beaches.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brendan P. Crighton*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Third Essex*

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 506) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to the disposal of sea mammals on metropolitan beaches. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 440 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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, 2021 in order to solicit public comment  
11 before a final policy is adopted and implemented no later than January 1, 2022.

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