

SENATE No. 507

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 further regulating the enforcement of illegal hunting practices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/6/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2019</i>

SENATE No. 507

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 507) of Michael O. Moore, James T. Welch, Jason M. Lewis, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation further regulating the enforcement of illegal hunting practices. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 464 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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An Act further regulating the enforcement of illegal hunting practices.

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. Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
2 Section 10H, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
3 following section:-

4 Section 10H. A person notified to appear before the clerk of a district court as provided in
5 section 10G for a violation of the regulations promulgated pursuant to chapter 90B or the rules
6 and regulations of the division of fisheries and wildlife regulating activity on land under the
7 management of the division or for a violation of section 2 to 4, inclusive, 5, 5A, 6, 7, subsection
8 (b) of section 9, section 12, 12A or 13A of chapter 90B or for a violation of section 17A, 33, 34,

9 36, 39, 40, 51, 69 to 72, inclusive, 81, 82 or 95 of chapter 130 may appear within the time
10 specified and pay a fine of \$50.

11 A person notified to appear before the clerk of a district court as provided in section 10G
12 for a violation of subsection (b), (c) or (e) of section 8 of chapter 90B or for a violation of section
13 35, 37, 38, 38A, 41, 41A, 44, 67, 68, 80, 92, 100A or 100C of chapter 130 or all other violations
14 of chapter 131, not mentioned below, may appear and pay a fine of \$100.

15 A person notified to appear before the clerk of a district court as provided in section 10G
16 for a violation of any provision of sections 21A, 60-65A inclusive, 68, 75A and 77A of chapter
17 131 may appear and pay a fine of \$200.

18 A person notified to appear before the clerk of a district court as provided in section 10G
19 for a violation of any provision of sections 21 to 24, inclusive, of chapter 90B may appear and
20 pay a fine of \$250.

21 A person notified to appear before the clerk of a district court as provided in section 10G
22 for a violation of section 47 or 75 of chapter 130 or for a violation of section 73 of chapter 131
23 may appear and pay a fine of \$500.

24 A person notified to appear before the clerk of a district court as provided in section 10G
25 for a violation of section 5C of chapter 90B may appear and pay a fine of \$2,000.

26 For the purposes of this section, “person” shall mean a natural person, corporation,
27 association, partnership or other legal entity or other legal agency or political subdivision of the
28 commonwealth.

29 SECTION 2. Section 10 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
30 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following 2 paragraphs:-

31 The established borders of a wildlife sanctuary, which shall include any entry path or
32 way, shall be posted to provide conspicuous notice to the public of the designation of the land as
33 a wildlife sanctuary and of the prohibitions under the preceding paragraph. If the required notice
34 has not been posted, a person shall have an affirmative defense against an alleged violation of a
35 prohibition under this section.

36 The director shall adopt regulations regarding the posting of wildlife sanctuary land
37 which shall include a requirement that notice shall be posted in a conspicuous manner for the
38 type of terrain, at intervals of not greater than 300 feet in distance along the borders of the land.

39 SECTION 3. Said section 21A of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby further
40 amended by striking out, in line 17, the word “six” and inserting in place thereof the following
41 figure:- 12.

42 SECTION 4. Said chapter 131 is hereby further amended by striking out section 34, as so
43 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

44 Section 34. A license, permit or certificate issued under this chapter, except a license
45 issued under clause (3), (4) or (6) of section 23, and held by a person found guilty of, convicted
46 of or assessed in any manner after a plea of nolo contendere or penalized for a violation of clause
47 (15) of section 4 or for a violation of section 5, 10, 11 to 13, inclusive, 16, 32, 33, 54, 57, 58, 61
48 to 65, inclusive, 66 to 68, inclusive, 70, 72, 73, 75, 80 or 85 for which that particular license,
49 permit or certificate was issued, shall be void and shall be immediately surrendered to an officer

50 authorized to enforce this chapter. No such person or a person acting on such person's behalf
51 shall make application for or be issued a license, permit or certificate that was voided due to:

52 (i) a violation of clause (15) of section 4 or section 12, 13, 16, 33, 54, 57, 58, 61, 63, 64,
53 66, 67, 70, 72 or 80 for 1 year from the date that person was found guilty of or penalized for the
54 violation;

55 (ii) a first violation of section 5, 10, 11, 32, 62, 65, 68, 73, 75 or 85 for not less than 1
56 year but not more than 3 years from the date that person was found guilty of or penalized for the
57 violation;

58 (iii) a second violation of section 5, 11, 32, 62, 65, 68, 73, 75 or 85 for not less than 3
59 years but not more than 10 years from the date that person was found guilty of or penalized for
60 the violation;

61 (iv) a second violation of section 10 for not less than 3 years but not more than 5 years
62 from the date that person was found guilty of or penalized for the violation;

63 (v) a third or subsequent violation of section 5, 11, 32, 62, 65, 68, 73, 75 or 85 for not
64 less than 10 years from the date that person was found guilty of or penalized for the violation; or

65 (vi) a third or subsequent violation of section 10 for not less than 5 years but not more
66 than 10 years from the date that person was found guilty of or penalized for the violation.

67 A license, permit or certificate issued in violation of this section shall be void and shall
68 be immediately surrendered to an officer authorized to enforce this chapter.

69 No fee received for a license, permit or certificate that has become void for a violation of
70 this section shall be refunded to the holder thereof.

71 SECTION 5. Said chapter 131 is hereby further amended by striking out sections 90 and
72 90A, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sections:-

73 Section 90. Whoever violates section 21A and 68, shall be punished by a fine of not less
74 than \$300 but not more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both
75 such fine and imprisonment. In addition, for each bird or mammal, other than a deer, bear or
76 turkey, unlawfully killed, taken, held or possessed or for each nest or egg unlawfully taken,
77 molested, distributed or destroyed, a person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but
78 not more than \$500. For each deer unlawfully killed or possessed, a person shall be punished by
79 a fine of not less than \$200 but not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 6
80 months or by both such fine and imprisonment. For each bear unlawfully killed or possessed, a
81 person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 but not more than \$1,000 or by
82 imprisonment for not more than 6 months or by both such fine and imprisonment. For each
83 turkey unlawfully killed or possessed, a person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200
84 but not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or by both such fine and
85 imprisonment.

86 Whoever violates section 5, 10, 11, 32, 62 or 85, shall be punished by a fine of not less
87 than \$200 but not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by both such
88 fine and imprisonment. In addition, for each bird or mammal, other than a deer, bear or turkey,
89 unlawfully killed, taken, held or possessed or for each nest or egg unlawfully taken, molested,
90 distributed or destroyed, a person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 but not more
91 than \$500. For each deer unlawfully killed or possessed, a person shall be punished by a fine of
92 not less than \$500 but not more than \$3,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or
93 by both such fine and imprisonment. For each bear unlawfully killed or possessed, a person shall

94 be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 but not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for
95 not more than 6 months or by both such fine and imprisonment. For each turkey unlawfully
96 killed or possessed, a person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 but not more than
97 \$3,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

98 Whoever violates section 73 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 but not
99 more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or by both such fine and
100 imprisonment. Whoever violates section 16, 28, 33, 48, 61, 63, 64 or 70, or any rule or regulation
101 made under authority thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but not more than
102 \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

103 Whoever violates section 18, 19, 19A, 60 or 79, or any rule or regulation made under
104 authority thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but not more than \$500 or by
105 imprisonment for not more than 6 months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

106 Whoever violates section 22 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but not
107 more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or by both such fine and
108 imprisonment for each fish, bird or mammal, other than a deer, bear or moose, unlawfully
109 bought, sold, bartered, exchanged, offered or exposed for sale or had in possession for the
110 purpose of sale. In the case of a deer, bear or moose, a person shall be punished by a fine of not
111 less than \$1,000 but not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or by
112 both such fine and imprisonment. A person found guilty of or convicted of a violation of this
113 section who is the holder of a hunting or sporting license issued under this chapter shall lose any
114 rights thereunder and the license shall be surrendered to an officer empowered to enforce this
115 chapter. No other hunting or sporting license shall be granted to that person for at least 1 year.

116 Whoever violates any provision of section 41 to 43, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine
117 of not less than \$100 but not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or
118 by both such fine and imprisonment.

119 Whoever violates section 66, 67 or 86 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200
120 but not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or by both such fine and
121 imprisonment. Whoever fails to keep open or maintain a fishway as prescribed by the director
122 under clause (14) of section 4 shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each day that such person
123 fails to keep open or maintain that fishway as prescribed.

124 Whoever violates section 65 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but not
125 more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or by both such fine and
126 imprisonment.

127 Whoever violates section 74 or 76 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but
128 not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by both such fine and
129 imprisonment for each bird or mammal taken, killed or removed and for each nest or egg taken,
130 disturbed, molested or destroyed.

131 Whoever violates section 77 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 and not
132 more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by both such fine and
133 imprisonment.

134 Whoever violates section 75 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but not
135 more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or by both such fine and
136 imprisonment for each wild turkey knowingly and unlawfully had in possession and for each nest
137 or egg thereof taken, molested, disturbed, destroyed or unlawfully had in possession.

138 Whoever violates section 77A shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 but not
139 more than \$1,000.

140 Whoever violates section 75A shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 but not
141 more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or by both such fine and
142 imprisonment. Such person, subject to section 34, shall not be issued a license, permit or
143 certificate under this chapter for at least 3 years after the date that such person was found guilty
144 or penalized for violating said section 75A.

145 Whoever violates clause (14) of section 4 relative to a dam or obstruction for passage of
146 anadromous fish or who refuses or neglects to keep open or maintain a fishway at the time
147 prescribed by the director shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each day that such person fails to
148 keep open or maintain the dam or fishway as prescribed.

149 Whoever violates section 5C shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 but not
150 more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 14 days or by both such fine and
151 imprisonment.

152 A violation of this chapter or a rule or regulation promulgated under this chapter for
153 which no other penalty is provided shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but not more
154 than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.
155 Upon a conviction for a violation of this chapter, any net, snare, trap, jacklight or other similar
156 device used by a person or any bird or mammal taken in violation of this chapter shall be
157 forfeited to the commonwealth and shall be disposed of by the director of law enforcement.

158 In addition to the penalties provided in this section , a person convicted of the illegal
159 taking or possession of animals, birds, fur-bearing animals or fish resulting in the injury, death or

160 destruction of the same shall be required to make restitution to the commonwealth for the value
161 of each animal, bird, fur-bearing animal or fish illegally taken or possessed as follows:

162 (i) a deer, moose, or bear, \$500 per animal; if the animal is deemed to be of trophy
163 standard as categorized by a professional organization such as the Northeast Big Buck club,
164 Boone and Crocket or Pope and Young organizations, but not limited to, the restitution shall be
165 \$1,000 per animal

166 (ii) a wild turkey, fisher, bobcat or otter, \$300 per animal;

167 (iii) a fox, coyote or beaver, \$100 per animal;

168 (iv) a mink, muskrat, raccoon, wild rabbit, hare or gray squirrel, \$50 per animal;

169 (v) a ruffed grouse, pheasant, quail, woodcock or migratory waterfowl, \$50 per bird;

170 (vi) a fish, \$25 per fish; and

171 (vii) a raptor or bird of prey, \$500 per animal or bird

172 (viii) any other animal or bird, \$50 per animal or bird.

173 A person convicted of the illegal taking or possession of endangered, threatened and
174 special concern species included on the official list of endangered, threatened and special
175 concern species established pursuant to section 4 of chapter 131A may be required to make
176 restitution to the commonwealth for the value of each such species illegally taken or possessed as
177 follows:

178 (i) endangered species, \$2,000;

179 (ii) threatened species, \$1,000; and

180 (iii) special concern species, \$500.

181 No fine imposed for a violation of this chapter shall be suspended or waived.

182 For a conviction involving the illegal taking or possession of animals, birds, fur-bearing
183 animals and fish, the court may order the defendant to reimburse the commonwealth in a sum
184 that exceeds the amounts established in this section. Such reimbursement shall be paid directly to
185 the court. If 2 or more defendants are convicted of the illegal taking or possession of an animal,
186 bird, fur-bearing animal or fish, the reimbursement shall be declared against the defendants
187 jointly and severally. The court ordering such reimbursement shall remit the funds as prescribed
188 in section 3.

189 Any person failing to make a damage assessment payment ordered by the court shall be
190 guilty of contempt and such person shall not be eligible for a license issued by the division until
191 all assessments are paid in full.

192 Section 90A. A person whose privilege to hunt, trap or fish has been suspended or
193 revoked in any jurisdiction in the United States or Canada shall not be issued a license for such
194 activity in the commonwealth or if licensed in the commonwealth at the time of a suspension or
195 revocation in another jurisdiction, the license issued in the commonwealth shall be suspended
196 during the period of that suspension or revocation if, after notice and hearing, the director
197 determines that the offense carrying the suspension or revocation would constitute a violation of
198 section 5, 10, 13, 21A, 22, 61, 62, 64, 65, 68, 69, 73, to 75A, inclusive, 79, to 80A, inclusive, or
199 82. The licensee shall immediately return the license to the division of fisheries and wildlife.

200 A person who hunts, traps or fishes in the commonwealth when that person's privilege to
201 conduct such activity has been suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction of the United States or
202 Canada for an offense that would constitute a violation of section 5, 10, 13, 21A, 22, 61, 62, 64,
203 65, 68, 69, 73 to 75A, inclusive, 79, to 80A, inclusive, or 82 shall be punished in accordance
204 with the penalties assessed for hunting, trapping or fishing without a license in violation of
205 section 11. A person who fails to immediately return a license in violation of this section shall be
206 punished by a fine of not less than \$200 but not more than \$500.

207 Section 90B. Whoever is convicted of a third or subsequent violation of section 5, 22, 65
208 or 68 within a 10-year period shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 but not more
209 than \$15,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years in a state prison or by both such fine
210 and imprisonment.

211 The penalties in this section shall apply to persons whose total violations within the 10-
212 year period involve 3 or more animals and shall also apply to each violation thereafter.

213 The species covered by this section shall include deer, turkey, moose, fisher, bobcat,
214 bear, any bird of prey as defined in section 75A and any endangered, threatened or special
215 concern species included on the official list of endangered, threatened and special concern
216 species established pursuant to section 4 of chapter 131A.

217 A person penalized under this section shall immediately surrender any license, permit or
218 certificate issued under this chapter to an environmental police officer, deputy or other officer
219 authorized to enforce this chapter, except a license issued under clause (3), (4) or (6) of section
220 23. The surrendered license, permit or certificate shall be void. No person or a person acting on
221 that person's behalf shall be given or apply for a license, permit or certificate that was voided

222 due to a violation of this section for at least 10 years from the date that such person was found
223 guilty or penalized and any license, permit or certificate wrongfully issued shall be void and shall
224 be surrendered to an officer authorized to enforce this chapter.

225 SECTION 6. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 131A the
226 following chapter:-

227 CHAPTER 131B

228 WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

229 The director of the division of fisheries and wildlife shall enter into a compact on behalf
230 of the commonwealth with any other jurisdiction legally joining therein in the form substantially
231 as follows; provided, however, that notwithstanding any provision of chapter 131B or the
232 compact manual to the contrary, a violation resulting in a citation, conviction or suspension by
233 another participating state pursuant to Article III, Article IV or Article V, as applicable, shall be
234 a violation of chapter 130, 131 or chapter 131A as determined by the division of fisheries and
235 wildlife or the division of marine fisheries:-

236 ARTICLE I. Findings and Purpose

237 (a) The participating states find that:

238 (1) wildlife resources are managed in trust by the respective states for the benefit of all
239 residents and visitors;

240 (2) the protection of the wildlife resources of a state is materially affected by the degree
241 of compliance with state laws, regulations, ordinances and administrative rules relating to the
242 management of those resources;

243 (3) the preservation, protection, management and restoration of wildlife contributes
244 immeasurably to the aesthetic, recreational and economic aspects of such natural resources;

245 (4) wildlife resources are valuable without regard to political boundaries, therefore every
246 person should be required to comply with wildlife preservation, protection, management and
247 restoration laws, ordinances and administrative rules and regulations of the participating states as
248 a condition precedent to the continuance or issuance of a license to hunt, fish, trap or possess
249 wildlife;

250 (5) violations of wildlife laws interfere with the management of wildlife resources and
251 may endanger the safety of people and property;

252 (6) the mobility of many wildlife law violators necessitates the maintenance of channels
253 of communication among the various states;

254 (7) in most instances, a person who is cited for a wildlife violation in a state other than
255 that person's home state is:

256 (i) required to post collateral or a bond to secure appearance for a trial at a later date;

257 (ii) taken into custody until the collateral or bond is posted; or

258 (iii) taken directly to court for an immediate appearance;

259 (8) the purpose of the enforcement practices set forth in clause (7) is to ensure
260 compliance with the terms of a wildlife citation by the cited person who, if permitted to continue
261 on after receiving the citation, could return to that person's home state and disregard the duty
262 established by the terms of the citation;

263 (9) in most instances, a person receiving a wildlife citation in that person's home state
264 may accept the citation from the officer at the scene of the violation and immediately continue on
265 after agreeing or being instructed to comply with the terms of the citation;

266 (10) the practices described in clause (7) cause unnecessary inconvenience and, at times,
267 a hardship for the person who is unable to post collateral at the time of the violation, furnish a
268 bond, stand trial or pay a fine and thus is compelled to remain in custody until some alternative
269 arrangement is made; and

270 (11) the enforcement practices described in clause (7) consume an undue amount of time
271 of law enforcement agencies.

272 (b) It is the policy of the participating states to:

273 (1) promote compliance with the laws, ordinances, regulations and administrative rules
274 relating to the management of wildlife resources in their respective states;

275 (2) recognize a suspension of the wildlife license privileges of a person whose license
276 privileges have been suspended by a participating state and treat that suspension as if it had
277 occurred in each respective state;

278 (3) allow a violator, if that violator's home state is a party to this compact, to continue on,
279 without delay, after receiving a wildlife citation in another member state, except as provided in
280 subsection (b) of Article III;

281 (4) report to the appropriate participating state, as provided in the compact manual, any
282 conviction recorded against a person whose home state was not the issuing state;

283 (5) allow the home state to recognize and treat convictions recorded against its residents,
284 when a conviction occurs in another participating state, as though that conviction had occurred in
285 the violator's home state;

286 (6) extend cooperation to its fullest extent among the participating states for enforcing
287 compliance with the terms of a wildlife citation issued in 1 participating state to a resident of
288 another participating state;

289 (7) maximize the effective use of law enforcement personnel and information; and

290 (8) assist court systems in the efficient disposition of wildlife violations.

291 (c) The purpose of this compact is to:

292 (1) provide a means through which participating states may join in a reciprocal program
293 to effectuate the policies enumerated in subsection (b) in a uniform and orderly manner; and

294 (2) provide for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators operating within
295 participating states in recognition of a violator's right to due process and the sovereign status of a
296 participating state.

297 ARTICLE II. Definitions

298 As used in this compact, the following words shall have the following meanings unless
299 the context clearly requires otherwise:

300 "Citation", a summons, complaint, ticket, penalty assessment or other official document
301 issued to a person by a wildlife officer or peace officer for a wildlife violation which contains an
302 order requiring the person to respond.

303 "Collateral", cash or other security deposited to secure an appearance for trial in
304 connection with the issuance by a wildlife officer or peace officer of a citation for a wildlife
305 violation.

306 "Compliance", the act of answering a citation by an appearance in a court or tribunal or
307 the payment of any fines, costs or surcharges.

308 "Conviction", a conviction that results in suspension or revocation of a license, including
309 a court conviction, for an offense related to the preservation, protection, management or
310 restoration of wildlife which is prohibited by state law, regulation, ordinance or administrative
311 rule; provided, however, that "conviction" shall also include the forfeiture of any bail, bond or
312 other security deposited to secure the appearance of a person charged with having committed any
313 such offense, the payment of a penalty assessment, a plea of nolo contendere or the imposition of
314 a deferred or suspended sentence by the court.

315 "Court", a court of law, including a magistrate's court and the justice of the peace court.

316 "Home state", the state of primary residence of a person.

317 "Issuing state", the participating state that issues a wildlife citation to the violator.

318 "License" a license, permit or other public document that conveys to the person to whom
319 it was issued the privilege of pursuing, possessing or taking any wildlife regulated by law,
320 regulation, ordinance or administrative rule of a participating state, any privilege to obtain such
321 license, permit or other public document or any statutory exemption from the requirement to
322 obtain any such license, permit or other public document.

323 "Licensing authority", the department or division within each participating state that is
324 authorized by law to issue or approve licenses or permits to hunt, fish, trap or possess wildlife.

325 "Participating state", any state that enacts legislation to become a member of the
326 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

327 "Personal recognizance", an agreement by a person, made at the time a wildlife citation is
328 issued, that such person will comply with the terms of the citation.

329 "State", a state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the
330 commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the provinces of Canada and other countries.

331 "Suspension", revocation, denial or withdrawal of license privileges, including the
332 privilege to apply for, purchase or exercise the benefits conferred by a license.

333 "Terms of the citation", conditions and options expressly stated on the citation.

334 "Wildlife", all species of animals including, but not limited to, mammals, birds, fish,
335 reptiles, amphibians, mollusks and crustaceans which are defined as "wildlife" and are protected
336 or otherwise regulated by law, regulation, ordinance or administrative rule in a participating
337 state; provided, however, that species included in the definition of "wildlife" may vary from state
338 to state and the determination of whether a species is "wildlife" for the purposes of this compact
339 shall be based on local law.

340 "Wildlife law", a law, regulation, ordinance or administrative rule developed and enacted
341 for the management and use of wildlife resources.

342 "Wildlife officer", an individual authorized by a participating state to issue a citation for a
343 wildlife violation.

344 "Wildlife violation", a cited violation of a law, regulation, ordinance or administrative
345 rule developed and enacted for the management and use of wildlife resources.

346 ARTICLE III. Procedures for Issuing State

347 (a) When issuing a citation for a wildlife violation, a wildlife officer shall issue a citation
348 to a person whose primary residence is in a participating state in the same manner as though the
349 person were a resident of the issuing state and shall not require that person to post collateral to
350 secure appearance; provided, however, that subject to the exceptions noted in subsection (b), the
351 officer shall receive the recognizance of that person stating that the person will comply with the
352 terms of the citation.

353 (b) Personal recognizance shall be acceptable if it is not prohibited by local law, policy,
354 procedure or regulation of the issuing agency or by the compact manual; provided, however, that
355 the violator shall provide adequate proof of identification to the wildlife officer.

356 (c) Upon conviction or failure of a person to comply with the terms of a wildlife citation,
357 the appropriate official shall report the conviction or failure to comply to the licensing authority
358 of the participating state in which the wildlife citation was issued. The report shall be made
359 under the procedures specified by the issuing state and shall contain information as specified in
360 the compact manual as minimum requirements for effective processing by the home state.

361 (d) Upon receipt of the report of conviction or noncompliance under subsection (c), the
362 licensing authority of the issuing state shall transmit to the licensing authority of the home state
363 of the violator the information in the form and content prescribed in the compact manual.

364 ARTICLE IV. Procedure for Home State

365 (a) Upon receipt of a report from the licensing authority of the issuing state reporting the
366 failure of a violator to comply with the terms of a citation, the licensing authority of the home
367 state shall notify the violator and shall initiate a suspension action in accordance with the home
368 state's suspension procedures and shall suspend the violator's license privileges until satisfactory
369 evidence of compliance with the terms of the wildlife citation has been furnished by the issuing
370 state to the home state licensing authority. Due process safeguards shall be accorded.

371 (b) Upon receipt of a report of conviction from the licensing authority of the issuing state,
372 the licensing authority of the home state shall enter such conviction in its records and shall treat
373 such conviction as though it occurred in the home state for the purposes of suspension of license
374 privileges.

375 (c) The licensing authority of the home state shall maintain a record of actions taken and
376 shall make reports to issuing states as provided in the compact manual.

377 ARTICLE V. Reciprocal Recognition of Suspension

378 (a) Each participating state may recognize the suspension of a person's license privileges
379 by another participating state as though the violation resulting in the suspension had occurred in
380 that state and would have been the basis for suspension of license privileges in that state.

381 (b) Each participating state shall communicate suspension information to other
382 participating states in the form and content contained in the compact manual.

383 ARTICLE VI. Applicability of Other Laws

384 Except as expressly required by this compact, this compact shall not affect the right of
385 any participating state to apply its laws relating to license privileges to a person or circumstance

386 or to invalidate or prevent an agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a
387 participating state and a nonparticipating state concerning the enforcement of wildlife laws.

388 ARTICLE VII. Compact Administrator Procedures

389 (a) For the purpose of administering this compact and to serve as a governing body for
390 the resolution of all matters relating to the operation of this compact, there shall be a board of
391 compact administrators. The board shall be composed of 1 representative from each of the
392 participating states who shall be known as the compact administrator. The compact administrator
393 shall be appointed by the head of the licensing authority of each participating state and shall
394 serve and be subject to removal under the laws of the state that the compact administrator
395 represents. The compact administrator for the commonwealth shall be the director of the division
396 of fisheries and wildlife or a designee. The compact administrator may provide for the discharge
397 of the compact administrator's duties and the performance of such functions as a board member
398 by an alternate. An alternate shall not serve unless written notification of the alternate's identity
399 has been given to the board.

400 (b) Each member of the board of compact administrators shall be entitled to 1 vote. No
401 action of the board shall be binding unless taken at a meeting at which a majority of the total
402 number of the board's votes are cast in favor of the action. Action by the board shall be only at a
403 meeting at which a majority of the participating states are represented.

404 (c) The board shall annually elect, from its membership, a chair and a vice chair.

405 (d) The board shall adopt by-laws consistent with this compact or the laws of a
406 participating state for the conduct of its business and may amend and rescind those by-laws.

407 (e) The board may accept donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials
408 and services, conditional or otherwise, from any state, the United States or any governmental
409 agency and may receive, use and dispose of the same in order to carry out the purposes and
410 functions of the board under this compact.

411 (f) The board may contract with or accept services or personnel from a governmental or
412 intergovernmental agency, individual, firm, corporation or private, nonprofit organization or
413 institution.

414 (g) The board shall formulate all necessary procedures and develop uniform forms and
415 documents for administering this compact. All procedures and forms adopted by board action
416 shall be contained in a compact manual.

417 ARTICLE VIII. Entry into Compact and Withdrawal

418 (a) This compact shall become effective at such time as it is adopted in substantially
419 similar form by at least 2 states.

420 (b) Entry into the compact shall be made by resolution of ratification executed by the
421 authorized officials of the applying state and submitted to the chair of the board of compact
422 administrators.

423 (c) The resolution shall be substantially in the form and content provided in the compact
424 manual and shall include:

425 (i) a citation of the authority from which the state is empowered to become a party to this
426 compact;

427 (ii) an agreement of compliance with the terms of the compact; and

428 (iii) an agreement that compact entry is with all states participating in the compact and
429 with all additional states that may legally become a party to the compact.

430 (d) The effective date of entry shall be specified by the applying state but shall not be less
431 than 60 days after notice has been given by the chair of the board of compact administrators or
432 by a secretariat of the board to each participating state that the resolution from the applying state
433 has been received.

434 (e) A participating state may withdraw from participation in this compact by official
435 written notice to each participating state but withdrawal shall not become effective until 90 days
436 after giving notice of withdrawal. The notice shall be directed to the compact administrator of
437 each member state. The withdrawal of any state shall not affect the validity of this compact as to
438 the remaining participating states.

439 ARTICLE IX. Amendments to the Compact

440 (a) This compact may be amended. Amendments shall be presented in resolution form to
441 the chair of the board of compact administrators and shall be initiated by 1 or more participating
442 states.

443 (b) Adoption of an amendment shall require endorsement by all participating states and
444 shall become effective 30 days after the date of the last endorsement.

445 ARTICLE X. Construction and Severability

446 This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes stated herein.
447 The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision
448 of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of a participating state or of the

449 United States or if the applicability thereof to any government, agency, individual or
450 circumstance is held to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact shall not be
451 affected. If this compact is held contrary to the constitution of a participating state, the compact
452 shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the
453 participating state affected as to all severable matters.

454 SECTION 11. The division of fisheries and wildlife shall promulgate rules and
455 regulations for the implementation of the Wildlife Violator Compact established in section 131B
456 of the General Laws within 1 year after the effective date of this act.