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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to control of tick-borne illness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
James B. Eldridge	☐ *[District]* ☐
Theodore C. Speliotis	*13th Essex*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3269) of Chris Walsh, and others relative to the control of low lands and swamps to control of tick-borne illness. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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An Act relative to control of tick-borne illness.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 252 as appearing in the 2008 General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “mosquitoes”, in line 4, the following words:- or ticks.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “commissioner,”, in line 3, the following words:- 1 employee of the department of fish and game designated by its commissioner.

SECTION 3. Said Section 2 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the words, “state reclamation and mosquito control board” in lines 5 and 6 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- state reclamation, mosquito and tick control board.

SECTION 4. Section 3 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following two sentences:- The board may investigate integrated pest management techniques for the protection of public health and the protection against tick-borne disease. It may publish and disseminate facts of general interest ascertained in the conduct of any such investigation including the financial and public health efficacy of the techniques, and may make and publish surveys of tracts of land with high rates of tick-borne disease, showing their situation and such other details as it deems advisable.

SECTION 5. Section 5A of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words “Mosquito and Greenhead Fly Control Fund”, in line 15, in lines 75 and 76 and in line 94, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- Mosquito, Greenhead Fly and Tick Control Fund.

21 SECTION 6. Section 24 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
22 striking out the words “state reclamation board”, in line 1, and inserting in place thereof the
23 following words:- state reclamation, mosquito and tick control board.

24 SECTION 7. Chapter 252 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

25 Section 25. Upon request of a city or town, the state reclamation, mosquito and tick
26 control board may implement integrated pest management techniques investigated as described
27 in section 3 for the protection of public health and the protection against tick-borne disease.

28 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012.