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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

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 geography education in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Geraldo Alicea	*6th Worcester*

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By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 182) of Stephen M. Brewer, Anne M. Gobi, Todd M. Smola and Geraldo Alicea for legislation relative to geography education in Massachusetts. Education.

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An Act relative to geography education in Massachusetts.

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. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate regulations relative to the enhancement of geography education in the Commonwealth. Said regulations shall include the following requirements:

(a) Revision of the Massachusetts History and Social Sciences Framework to include the study of geography in each grade level;

(b) Inclusion of geography in the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System testing;

(c) Establishment of an additional licensure that teachers shall obtain in order to be qualified to teach geography;

(d) Inclusion of a member of the Massachusetts Geography Alliance on the Massachusetts History and Social Sciences Framework Committee.

SECTION 2. The first week of April shall be designated Massachusetts Geography Education week.