HOUSE No. 01126

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas J. Calter

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 bill:

An Act relative to the mosquito borne disease control board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden

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By Mr. Thomas J. Calter of Kingston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01126) of Benjamin Swan and others relative to the mosquito borne disease control board. Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE O HOUSE , NO. 704 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the mosquito borne disease control board.

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 2 of chapter 252 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official

2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the

3 following sentence:-

4 One employee of the department of environmental protection designated by its

5 commissioner, one employee of the department of food and agriculture designated by its

- 6 commissioner and one employee of the department of fish and game designated by its
- 7 commissioner and two employees of the department of public health designated by its
- 8 commissioner, one of whom represents environmental health shall constitute the state mosquito-

9 borne disease control board, in this chapter called the board.

10 SECTION 2. Said section 2 of said chapter 252, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by11 adding the following paragraph:-

The board shall regulate and oversee all disease vector mosquito and related nuisance organism 12 management activities in the commonwealth; prepare a state IPM mosquito plan that includes an 13 emphasis on public education; review and certify IPM mosquito management plans submitted by 14 mosquito districts or projects; create policies and oversee procedures for mosquito management 15 to control vector-borne diseases; advise the governor when a public health emergency arises due 16 to disease-bearing mosquitoes imminently threatening to public health; authorize and carry out 17 investigations and keep records; and carry out disease-bearing mosquito management programs 18 19 when a significant area of the state is affected.