

HOUSE No. 3505

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. Walsh

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 protecting the coastal waters of the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Steven M. Walsh</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Robert F. Fennell</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3505) of Steven M. Walsh, Thomas M. McGee and Robert F. Fennell relative to the discharge of waste by vessels operating in the marine boundaries of the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act protecting the coastal waters of the commonwealth.

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

1 Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

2 Section 14A. No passenger vessel operating within the marine boundaries of the
3 commonwealth, as defined in section 3 of chapter 1, shall dispose of in or discharge into such
4 waters solid waste or macerated sewage of any kind. Any person in violation of this section shall
5 be subject to the civil administrative penalties provided in section 16.

6 As used in this section, “passenger vessel” shall mean a vessel engaged in the carrying of
7 passengers for hire, but shall not mean: (i) vessels without berths or overnight accommodations
8 for passengers; or (ii) noncommercial vessels, warships, vessels operated by nonprofit entities as
9 determined by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury, or
10 vessels operated by commonwealth, the United States, or a foreign government.