

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3782**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Sarah K. Peake*

*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 increasing the fine for the illegal taking of eels and elvers .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake and others relative to the fines for the illegal taking of eels and elvers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act increasing the fine for the illegal taking of eels and elvers .

*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 100D of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
5 one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both; except, whoever  
6 violates the immediately preceding paragraph pertaining to the commercial taking of elvers or  
7 eels less than six inches in length, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10,000 or by  
8 imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

9 SECTION 2. Section 100D of said chapter 130, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
10 striking out, in line 7, the word “four” and inserting in place there of the following word:- six.

11 SECTION 3. Section 52A of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place  
13 thereof the following paragraph:-

14 Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
15 one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both; except, whoever  
16 violates the immediately preceding paragraph pertaining to the commercial taking of elvers or  
17 eels less than six inches in length, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10,000 or by  
18 imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

19 SECTION 4. Section 52A of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
20 striking out, in line 20, the word “four” and inserting in place there of the following word:- six.