

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 03946

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 1994, a Bill expanding the powers of the director of Fisheries and Wildlife (House, No. 3946). February 15, 2012.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act expanding the powers of the director of Fisheries and Wildlife.

*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 5 of chapter 131 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2010 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 The hunting of deer by bow and arrow shall be permitted on any date, including a Sunday or  
4 legal holiday, that the director declares as an open season for such hunting. Except as otherwise  
5 provided in the preceding paragraph, an open season declared by the director for the hunting of  
6 deer by bow and arrow, which open season period occurs in whole or in part, within the last 3  
7 months of the calendar year, shall be for a period of not less than 7 days that shall be  
8 consecutive.

9 SECTION 2. Section 57 of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting at  
10 the end of the paragraph the following sentence:- Notwithstanding, this section shall not prohibit  
11 or render unlawful, the hunting of deer by bow and arrow or the carrying on his person a bow

- 12 and arrow for the purpose of hunting deer, during any Sunday declared as an open season for
- 13 such hunting, by the director with the approval of the fisheries and wildlife board.