

HOUSE No. 733

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balsler

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the import, sale, trade, distribution, possession, and release of marbled crayfish and marmokrebs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 733) of Ruth B. Balsler, José F. Tosado and Denise Provost relative to marbled crayfish and marmokrebs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the import, sale, trade, distribution, possession, and release of marbled crayfish and marmokrebs.

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 37B of Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “fleas” in line 8, the following: “,
3 marbled crayfish and marmokrebs,”.

4 SECTION 2: Section 37B of Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
5 official edition, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (j) the following subsection:

6 “(k) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding the import, sale,
7 trade, distribution, possession, and release of marbled crayfish and marmokrebs within the
8 Commonwealth. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations prohibiting the release of
9 marbled crayfish and marmokrebs into sewage systems and local waters, including but not
10 limited to rivers, lakes, streams, reservoirs, and coastal waters.”