

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 862**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Lenny Mirra*

*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 protecting coastal communities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>

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By Representative Mirra of Georgetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 862) of Lenny Mirra relative to protecting coastal communities. Environment and Natural Resources.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 962 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to protecting coastal communities.

*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 40 of Chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "section", in line 493, the  
3 following:- “provided, that when establishing such regulations, the commissioner shall permit  
4 the construction of a coastal engineering structure, as defined by 310 CMR 10.23, on coastal  
5 dunes when an emergency or exigent situation occurs, as determined by the commissioner.”