

SENATE No. 2113

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 bill:

An Act protecting lakes and ponds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Benjamin B. Downing	Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin
William Smitty Pignatelli	4th Berkshire
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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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. Chapter 90B of the 2008 official edition of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting the following section:-

3 Section 5D. No one shall place a vessel that is contaminated with an invasive species or that has
4 been exposed to contaminated waters in the last thirty days and has not been properly decontaminated
5 upon the inland waters of the commonwealth. For the purposes of this section, invasive species is defined
6 as an alien species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm
7 to human health.

8 Section 2. Notwithstanding section 14 of chapter 90B of the Massachusetts General Laws,
9 whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than three
10 hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than sixty days or both.