

**SENATE . . . . . No. 431**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 moose population in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Anne M. Gobi*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 431) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to the moose population in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 423 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the moose population in the Commonwealth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 73 the  
2 following section:—

3 Section 73A: Notwithstanding the provisions of section 73 of chapter 131, the division  
4 of fisheries and wildlife within the department of fish and game may take measures to ensure a  
5 stable moose population and address public safety concerns in the following counties; Worcester,  
6 Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin. A report outlining the measures taken shall be  
7 submitted to the Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture on an annual basis.

8 The division may promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the  
9 implementation and administration of this section. Records of the population of moose shall be

- 10 maintained by the division and reported annually to the Joint Committee on Natural Resources
- 11 and Agriculture.