

**SENATE . . . . . No. 509**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***John Cronin, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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 wetland protection.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Victoria Petracca*

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By Mr. Cronin (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 509) of Victoria Petracca for legislation relative to wetland protection. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to wetland protection.

*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 23 of Chapter 40B of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting after the  
2 last sentence in the first paragraph the following:

3           The denial of waivers from provisions of municipal natural resource protection bylaws or  
4 ordinances adopted and approved pursuant to section 32 of chapter 40 and administered by a  
5 municipal conservation commission established under section 8C of chapter 40, and any  
6 regulations properly adopted thereunder, shall be presumed to be consistent with local needs,  
7 provided that the purpose of said provisions of such bylaws, ordinances or regulations is the  
8 protection and/or promotion of Waters of the Commonwealth as defined in section 26A of  
9 chapter 21 and any regulations adopted thereunder, including wetlands, surface waters and  
10 groundwater.