

HOUSE No. 1835

By Mr. Bohigian of Worcester, petition of Robert J. Bohigian for legislation to establish a moratorium on the killing of bobcats, black bears and fishers. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN ANIMALS 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 That there be established a moratorium on the killing of certain
2 animals within the Commonwealth; to wit, bobcats, black bears
3 and fishers. Said moratorium to be used to be utilized to ascertain
4 the number of said species within the Commonwealth to determine
5 if any or all of said species should be considered as an "endangered
6 species". Collection of data to be compiled by the Division of
7 Fisheries and Wildlife by acceptable standards of compilation and
8 data gathering. At the conclusion of said count, if in the view of
9 said Division, there is no present or immediate future danger of
10 said species becoming extinct or endangered, the Fisheries and
11 Wildlife Division may lift this moratorium.

12 However, prior to said lifting, a public hearing shall be
13 commenced, and opinion and testimony shall be invited from all
14 parties, including all appropriate environmental and wildlife
15 organizations.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be and he is authorized to establish a monument on the public lands in the State of Idaho, to be known as the "Canyon of the Ancients", and to be located in the County of Blaine, Idaho, and to be bounded by the following lines, to-wit:

The Cornerstones of the Monument

Cornerstone No. 1.

Cornerstone No. 2.

Cornerstone No. 3.

Cornerstone No. 4.

Cornerstone No. 5.

Cornerstone No. 6.

Cornerstone No. 7.

Cornerstone No. 8.

Cornerstone No. 9.

Cornerstone No. 10.