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By Mr. Dolan of Ipswich, petition of John F. Dolan that the Department of Natural Resources be directed to make a survey of coastal regions of the Commonwealth and to prepare land use atlases. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

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### AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO UNDERTAKE A SURVEY AND STUDY OF THE COASTAL REGIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO PREPARE LAND USE ATLASES

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

1 The commonwealth of Massachusetts has a vital interest  
2 in the ocean. The success of our fisheries and the well-being  
3 of our recreational industries demands that we be able to use  
4 the ocean's resources and benefits wisely. The commonwealth  
5 is also the home of industries and great research institutions  
6 whose very existance is directed towards exploitation and the  
7 study of the oceans. It is therefore vital that the common-  
8 wealth be aware of the geography, the environmental con-  
9 ditions and the human activities on and adjacent to the  
10 coastline. To this end, the commonwealth should support re-  
11 search and survey efforts to prepare atlases of the Massachu-  
12 setts coastline. The department of natural resources shall  
13 undertake the survey and study of the coastal regions of the  
14 commonwealth for the purpose of preparing atlases to be  
15 used in land use determination and planning, inventories  
16 for conservation of resources, and detection and control of  
17 pollution. There is appropriated for this work the sum of  
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