

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of Kevin W. Fitzgerald for legislation to protect and regulate certain wetland areas notwithstanding certain local zoning ordinances or by-laws. Local Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

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**AN ACT TO UNIFORMLY PROTECT AND REGULATE WETLANDS AREAS.**

*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 40 of chapter one hundred thirty-one of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by chapter five hundred ninety-  
3 eight of the Acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, is hereby  
4 further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
5 paragraph: —

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect in each and every  
7 city and town in the Commonwealth. No local ordinance, by-law,  
8 or regulation which seeks to control, regulate, or protect wetlands  
9 or any other interests stated in this section shall be effective either  
10 in place of or in addition to the provisions of this section.

of the Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D. C., August 1, 1907.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

IN REPLY TO THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

OF AUGUST 1, 1907, RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF THE

WILSON WOODS, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND TO THE

PROPOSAL TO SET ASIDE THE LANDS IN THE WILSON WOODS, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT.

The Department of the Interior has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your message of August 1, 1907, and to advise you that the same has been referred to the Secretary of the Interior for his consideration.

Very respectfully,  
J. H. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary.