

HOUSE No. 702

By Mr. Tuttle of Barre, petition of David H. Tuttle, other members of the General Court and another relative to the restoration of lands once inhabited by beaver colonies. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LAND FLOODED BY BEAVERS.

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

- 1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, regulation or
- 2 directive to the contrary, land which is flooded by result of beaver
- 3 colony habitation, and subsequently abandoned by such beaver
- 4 colony, may be restored to its pre-existing condition by the owner,
- 5 including but not limited to returning water levels to pre-existing
- 6 levels as identified by floors of culverts, drainage ways or other
- 7 means by the department of environmental protection or conserva-
- 8 tion commission of the city or town in which the land is located.

