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By Mr. Martin of Montague, petition of George F. Martin, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the liberation into the wild of pheasants and quail. Conservation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE LIBERATION INTO THE WILD OF PHEASANTS AND QUAIL.

*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 second paragraph of section 111 of chapter 131  
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 397 of  
3 the acts of 1947, is hereby further amended by striking  
4 out, in line 6, the words "one year" and inserting in  
5 place thereof the words:— sixteen months, — so as  
6 to read as follows:— Nothing in this section shall be  
7 construed to allow the liberation into the wild of any  
8 pheasant or quail unless it shall have been certified  
9 by the department of agriculture that it has either  
10 been individually tested within the preceding six  
11 months, or that the parent stock has been tested within  
12 sixteen months, and found free of salmonella pullorum  
13 as required in the official Massachusetts pullorum  
14 passed grade for poultry or any transmissible poultry  
15 disease by the veterinary department of the Massa-

16 chusetts state college, or shall have been so certified by  
17 a corresponding official of another state. The depart-  
18 ment of agriculture shall supply the division with the  
19 name and address of persons whose individual birds,  
20 or their parent stock, have met with the above-  
21 mentioned requirements, whereupon such individual  
22 birds and the offspring of such parent stock shall be  
23 eligible for release without being subjected to an indi-  
24 vidual test; provided, that they have not been con-  
25 fined for any period on premises where untested birds  
26 or poultry are kept.