

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4559

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield (by request), petition of Maureen P. Smith for legislation to restrict commercial or recreational trapping of fur-bearing mammals. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RESTRICTING COMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL TRAPPING OF FUR-BEARING MAMMALS.

*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 the provisions of Chapter 131 (M.G.L.) or 321
- 2 CMR 1.00 to 9.00, no commercial or recreational trapping of fur-
- 3 bearing mammals is hereby allowed.
- 4 Trapping of animals for problem or property damage control
- 5 is hereby restricted solely to the use of box or cage traps; and
- 6 common mouse or rat snap traps.
- 7 Whoever violates this section is subject to a fine of at least one
- 8 hundred dollars and imprisonment of up to one year or both.

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