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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**David M. Nangle (BY REQUEST)**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
 Court assembled:*

 The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act concerning the trapping of fur-bearing mammals.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act concerning the 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:*

 SECTION 1. Chapter 131, Section 11 is hereby amended by adding after the words, “The director shall also provide trapper training courses to certify licensed trappers on the effective use of box, cage and conibear type traps, for furbearing mammals, including beaver or muskrat” the following: -

                Any person licensed to trap fur-bearing mammals shall follow the “Best Management Practices” guidelines approved by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and said license shall allow for the possession of equipment recommended under those guidelines.