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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**

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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 providing improved management of state forests.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Brewer | Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00481 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act providing improved management of state forests.

 *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. Section 34A of Chapter 132 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 43, after the word "require.", the following:- The commissioner may require that any bid for the removal of timber or other forest products under this section shall include such improvements to the forest as the commissioner deems necessary. Any such bid or contract requirement shall not result in a reduction of force or displacement of persons employed by the department performing similar responsibilities.