

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**George N. Peterson, Jr.**

*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 relative to areas of critical enviromental concern. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

George N. Peterson, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

9th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 837 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIROMENTAL CONCERN. .

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

1           SECTION 1. Subsection (7) of Section 2 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:—  
3 Prior to submitting a nomination to designate an area as an area of critical environmental  
4 concern, the person or persons leading the nomination, as listed in the pertinent regulations shall,  
5 at a minimum, hold one public information meeting at least 30 days prior to submitting the  
6 nomination. Notice of such a meeting shall be given through any means reasonably likely to  
7 inform a reasonable number of residents to be affected by the nomination.