

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Morrissey, Michael (SEN)**

*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 creating the blue hills advisory .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00526 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT CREATING THE BLUE HILLS ADVISORY .

*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. Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after  
2 section 11C, the following section:-  
3 Section 11D. There is hereby established within the department of conservation and recreation an  
4 advisory board to be designated as the blue hills advisory board. The board shall consist of  
5 eleven members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall represent the Appalachian  
6 Mountain Club; one member shall represent the Massachusetts Audubon Society; one member  
7 shall represent the Friends of the Blue Hills; one member shall represent the Friends of the  
8 Trailside Museum; one member shall represent the New England Mountain Bike Association;  
9 two members shall represent the Ponkapoag Golf Club; one member shall represent the Sierra  
10 Club; and three of whom shall be representative of the horse stable business community that has  
11 a fundamental interest in the maintenance and improvement of the Blue Hills Reservation. Each  
12 member shall serve for a term of three years. The chairman of the board shall be appointed, from

13 the eleven members, annually by the governor, and in the absence of same shall be designated by  
14 the director. Board members shall be appointed or reappointed for terms of three years.

15 The blue hills advisory board shall meet at least quarterly and four members in attendance shall  
16 constitute a quorum. The commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation, or their  
17 designees, shall attend all meetings of said board and shall provide such information as said  
18 board shall request.

19 Said board shall review the budgetary recommendations of the commissioner of the department  
20 of conservation and recreation and the secretary of the executive office of environmental affairs  
21 concerning the expenditure of state funds allocated to the department of conservation and  
22 recreation for the blue hills reservation and the ponkapoag golf course each fiscal year prior to  
23 the submission of such recommendations to the secretary or the governor, as the case may be. In  
24 the event said board disapproves of any such recommendation it may file a report noting its  
25 objection and such report shall be transmitted to the governor and to the house and senate  
26 committees on ways and means.