

Chapter

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY INNOVATIVE METHODS FOR FUNDING THE CONSERVATION OF FORESTED WILDLANDS AND WOODLANDS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Resolved, That there shall be a special commission consisting of: the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, or his designee; the commissioner of conservation and recreation, or his designee; the chief forester, or his designee; 2 members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate, 1 of whom shall be the senate chair of the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture; 2 members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be the house chair of the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture; 1 member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member to be appointed by the minority leader of the house; and 8 members to be appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall be representatives of private organizations engaged in forest conservation, 3 of whom shall be members of nonprofit organizations that address land and forest conservation issues and 2 of whom shall be representatives of academic institutions that study and address forest conservation issues. The special commission shall be created for the purpose of conducting an investigation and study of innovative methods for funding the conservation of forested wildlands and woodlands owned and managed by public and nonprofit organizations and by private individuals and organizations.

House of Representatives, January 6, 2009.

Passed,

Linda Darcena Gray, Speaker.

In Senate, January 10, 2009.

Passed.

Karen E. Spilke, President.

13 January, 2009.

Approved,

[Signature] Governor.