

HOUSE No. 737

By Mr. Eldridge of Acton, petition of James B. Eldridge that the Department of Environmental Protection be authorized to promulgate rules relative to the clean-up of oil spills. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BIOREMEDIATION OF OIL SPILLS.

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 4 of Chapter 21E of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by inserting at the end of the second paragraph the following:—
- 3 The department shall promulgate regulations relative to bioreme-
- 4 diation of spills or other discharges of oil and petroleum products
- 5 that shall prohibit bioaugmentation and require biostimulation
- 6 except where site specific requirements would make biostimulation
- 7 less effective than bioaugmentation.