

Bay State Strategies Report to MCA

February 2022

- BSSG and MCA have developed a strategy to align a majority of House members to support Sunday Bow and Setbacks in the annual House budget expected in late April. We have had numerous conversations with key supporters (and likely amendment sponsors) over the past month and will continue with targeted members over the next 6 weeks.
- As you recall, Governor Baker filed his annual state budget recommendation that included language we support addressing Sunday Bow Hunting and Setbacks. We will use this to gain additional support from the Western and Central MA delegations along with Republican House members.
- HB4442 (Note the new #) – An Act further Regulating the Enforcement of Illegal Hunting (“The Compact”) was passed by the House and currently sits before the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The current text can be viewed at: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4442>
- The State House finally opened last week to very little fanfare, although a couple protestors were arrested this week. The opening provides with additional ability to speak with House and Senate members as we begin the budget season.
- The Legislative Committee Bill Reporting deadline passed this month and below is an overview of the status of our priority bills. Any bill that has a last action that indicates “accompanied study order” is effectively dead for the remainder of the session

HB904 (HD1458) - An Act further regulating the enforcement of illegal hunting practices

Sponsor: Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D)

Last Action: 02/09/2022

H - New draft substituted - see HB4442

HB914 (HD4061) - An Act authorizing the use of bow and arrows for Sunday hunting

Sponsor: Rep. Paul K. Frost (R)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Accompanied study order

HB984 (HD915) - An Act relative to Sunday hunting

Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Pease (R)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Accompanied study order

HB991 (HD2393) - An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting

Sponsor: Rep. William Smitty Pignatelli (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture carrying HB1024 and SB536

HB1015 (HD1535) - An Act authorizing the use of bow and arrows for Sunday hunting

Sponsor: Rep. William M. Straus (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Accompanied study order

HB1019 (HD767) - An Act authorizing deer hunting on Sunday

Sponsor: Rep. Alyson Sullivan (R)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Accompanied study order

HB1024 (HD3832) - An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting

Sponsor: Rep. David T. Vieira (R)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB991

HB1025 (HD3838) - An Act relative to hunting near a dwelling

Sponsor: Rep. David T. Vieira (R)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB552

HB1029 (HD1795) - An Act relative to the use of shotgun ammunition for hunting

Sponsor: Rep. Jonathan D. Zlotnik (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Accompanied study order

HB1934 (HD1796) - An Act updating hunter harassment laws

Sponsor: Rep. Jonathan D. Zlotnik (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

H - Accompanied study order

HB4442 - An Act further regulating the enforcement of illegal hunting practices

Sponsor: House Committee on Ways & Means

Last Action: 02/10/2022

S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB507 (SD1972) - An Act addressing noise issues of migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings

Sponsor: Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB508

SB508 (SD1973) - An Act establishing a special commission to study the noise effects of hunting migratory game birds in neighborhoods and communities within established coastal zones

Sponsor: Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture carrying SB507

SB536 (SD1166) - An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB991

SB546 (SD1453) - An Act to Reimburse the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

SB547 (SD1456) - An Act relative to outdoor heritage

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

S - Accompanied study order

SB552 (SD2110) - An Act relative to hunting near a dwelling

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture carrying HB1025

SB587 (SD551) - An Act further regulating the enforcement of illegal hunting practices

Sponsor: Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

Last Action: 11/02/2021

S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB904

SB623 (SD1029) - An Act prohibiting the sale of fur products

Sponsor: Sen. John Velis (D)

Last Action: 02/02/2022

S - Accompanied study order
