

# SENATE . . . . No. 339

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To accompany the petition of Michael J. O'Hara, mayor of the city of Worcester, that provision be made for a change in the location of the dam at Quinapoxet Pond. Water Supply.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act to provide for the Change of Location of the  
Dam at Quinapoxet Pond.

*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 twelve of chapter three hundred and  
2 seventy-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
3 twenty-six is hereby amended by striking out  
4 in the eleventh to the fourteenth lines, inclusive,  
5 the following "at or near an elevation of seven  
6 hundred and eight feet above mean sea level at  
7 Boston, at or above the outlet of Quinapoxet  
8 pond," and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
9 ing:— at or near an elevation of six hundred  
10 eighty and twenty-three hundredths metropolitan  
11 water board base, at or about a point in Quina-  
12 poxet brook, so-called, at the road from Holden  
13 to Princeton, which point is twenty-six hundred  
14 feet, more or less, south of the present dam at  
15 Quinapoxet pond,—so that the first sentence

16 of said section twelve will read as follows:—  
17 The city of Worcester is hereby authorized, for  
18 the purpose of meeting the requirements of said  
19 city for increasing its water supply and such  
20 requirements of adjacent and nearby towns  
21 now supplied or hereafter required to be sup-  
22 plied by said city, from time to time, to acquire  
23 by purchase or otherwise, or take by eminent  
24 domain in accordance with the procedure set  
25 forth in section five, and subject to the provisions  
26 thereof, and to hold and convey, directly or  
27 indirectly, into and through said city the waters  
28 of South Wachusett brook, so-called, and the  
29 waters of Quinapoxet river, so-called, in the  
30 town of Holden, at or near an elevation of six  
31 hundred eighty and twenty-three hundredths  
32 metropolitan water board base, at or about a  
33 point in Quinapoxet brook, so-called, at the  
34 road from Holden to Princeton, which point is  
35 twenty-six hundred feet, more or less, south of  
36 the present dam at Quinapoxet pond, including  
37 the waters in any ponds or reservoirs thereon  
38 and the waters flowing directly or indirectly,  
39 into and from the same, and all springs and  
40 tributaries thereto, and the water rights con-  
41 nected with the aforesaid waters and sources  
42 above the places of taking; and the said city  
43 may take existing reservoirs and ponds upon  
44 said streams and their tributaries above the  
45 points at which it is authorized as aforesaid to  
46 take the said waters, but the total supply herein  
47 authorized to be taken shall not exceed in any

48 calendar year an average quantity of ten million  
49 gallons of water per diem, and the balance of  
50 the waters remaining, and also from time to  
51 time such part of the quantity of water herein  
52 authorized to be acquired and diverted as is not,  
53 in the opinion of the water commissioner of said  
54 city, needed for the supply of the water system  
55 of said city, shall be permitted to flow to the  
56 Wachusett reservoir of the metropolitan water  
57 system; provided, that if in the opinion of the  
58 metropolitan district commission, the needs of  
59 the metropolitan water system, pending the  
60 completion of the works necessary to divert the  
61 flood waters of the Ware river as authorized in  
62 section one, require that said amount herein  
63 authorized to be taken by the said city be re-  
64 duced, the metropolitan district commission may,  
65 at any time and from time to time, reduce said  
66 amount to not less than an average quantity of  
67 five million gallons of water per diem.

