

HOUSE No. 1090

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 14, 1928.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was recommended the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 599) of the United Improvement Association for an amendment of the law relative to the discharge of oils into or on the waters of the Commonwealth, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1090).

For the committee,

LEO M. BIRMINGHAM.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act relative to the Discharge of Oils and Certain other Substances into or on the Waters and Flats of the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter ninety-one of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following
3 new section:—

4 *Section 59.* Whoever pumps, discharges, deposits,
5 throws or spills, or causes to be pumped, discharged,
6 deposited, thrown or spilled into or on the waters of
7 any lake, pond, river, creek or brook or the tidal waters
8 and flats of the commonwealth within three miles of
9 the shores thereof, any crude petroleum or any of its
10 products or any other oils or any bilge water or water
11 from any receptacle containing any of the said sub-
12 stances, in such manner and to such extent as to be a
13 pollution or contamination of said waters or flats or a
14 nuisance or be injurious to the public health, shall be
15 punished by a fine of not more than five hundred
16 dollars. The provisions of this section shall be en-
17 forced by the department of public safety and by all
18 other officers authorized to make arrests.

