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Accompanying the fifteenth recommendation of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 91). Metropolitan Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO DESIGN, ACQUIRE VESSELS FOR, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE REFUSE DISPOSAL SHIPS AND NECESSARY RELATED FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A METROPOLITAN REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT.

*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 1. Chapter 92 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 9A under the caption METROPOLITAN  
3 REFUSE DISPOSAL SHIPS the following section: —

4 *Section 9B.* The commission is authorized and directed to  
5 acquire and renovate appropriate sea going vessels; to install  
6 thereon appropriate incinerators with necessary onboard ad-  
7 juncts; to acquire, construct, rent, or contract for appropriate  
8 dock facilities and appurtenances thereto; and to operate or  
9 contract for the operation of said ships and their incinerators and  
10 adjuncts for the disposal of all or part of the refuse of such cities  
11 and towns within the district comprising the north and south  
12 metropolitan sewerage systems, as may by vote desire to become  
13 members thereof, which district shall be known as the Metro-  
14 politan Refuse Disposal District. The commission may, in  
15 addition, contract with any city or town not a member of said  
16 district for the disposal of its refuse.

17 The design and the manner of operation of the refuse disposal  
18 ships, insofar as they may affect the contamination of the en-  
19 vironment, shall be subject to the approval of the department of  
20 public health, without which no such ship shall be constructed or  
21 operated.

22 The department of public health, from time to time, shall  
23 review the manner of operation of the ships, and the commission  
24 shall effect such changes in the manner of operation as the de-  
25 partment shall deem necessary for the protection of the public  
26 health, comfort, and convenience.

27 The commission may enter into contracts for disposal of refuse  
28 through use of refuse disposal ships, with cities and towns, other  
29 bodies politic, the United States of America, and other persons,  
30 and may enter into contracts with cities and towns for such dis-  
31 posal of refuse collected within such city or town by persons  
32 other than the municipality or its agents.

33 The commission may receive grants or gifts for the design, con-  
34 struction, and operation of the refuse disposal ships, and may  
35 receive as grants or gifts the necessary vessels.

36 The commission shall keep a separate record of the cost of  
37 constructing, maintaining, and operating each refuse disposal  
38 ship and related facilities, and of the principal, interest, and  
39 service charges on such bonds as may be sold in accordance with  
40 section two of this act, and such shall be the basis for the de-  
41 termination of the charges to be levied against the cities or towns  
42 or others contracting for the disposal service, in proportion to the  
43 category and amount of wastes received, and in accordance with  
44 the terms of the contract.

45 The entire cost of the refuse disposal ships and related facilities  
46 shall be borne by such charges and by any such grants or gifts.

47 For the purpose of this chapter, the term "refuse" shall mean  
48 all the solid waste materials of a municipality.

1 SECTION 2. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying  
2 out the provisions of this act, the state treasurer shall, upon  
3 request of the governor and council, issue and sell at public or  
4 private sale bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with  
5 interest coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount  
6 to be specified by the governor and council from time to time,  
7 but not exceeding in the aggregate, the sum of two million dollars.  
8 All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be  
9 designated on the face, Metropolitan Refuse Disposal Ships  
10 Bonds, Act of 1965, and shall be on the serial payment plan for  
11 such maximum term of years, not exceeding twenty years, as  
12 the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to

13 section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution  
14 of the Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged  
15 that the amounts payable in the several years of the period of  
16 amortization, other than the final year, shall be as nearly equal  
17 as in the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable to make  
18 them. Said bonds shall bear interest semi-annually at such rate  
19 as the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor, shall  
20 fix. The initial maturities of such bonds shall be payable not  
21 later than one year from the date of issue thereof and the entire  
22 issue not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighty-  
23 eight.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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