
By Mr. MacKenzie, a petition of Ronald C. MacKenzie and Fred Lamson for legislation to provide financial assistance upon approval of the Department of Public Works to regional solid waste disposal facilities in the acquisition, purchase or construction of solid waste disposal facilities. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES IN THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE OR CONSTRUCTION OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

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. Any regional solid waste disposal district,
2 established under section forty-four E of chapter forty of the
3 General Laws may apply to the department of public health
4 hereinafter referred to as the department, for a facilities grant
5 to meet in part the cost of an approved solid waste disposal
6 facility as the service of any debt incurred therefor.

7 As used in this act, "facility" shall mean incinerator,
8 sanitary land fill, transfer station, composting plant, or other
9 sanitary means of solid wastes disposal approved by the
10 department of public health, or any combination of two or
11 more of such works and appurtenant works.

12 Such application shall be made before construction has
13 been undertaken or acquisition through purchase of existing
14 facilities has been made. Such application shall be in the form
15 prescribed by the department and shall be accompanied by
16 such additional information, drawings, plans, estimates of
17 cost of value, and proposals for defraying such cost, as the
18 department may require.

1 SECTION 2. Forthwith upon receipt of an application the
2 department shall examine such application and any facts,

3 estimates, or other information relative thereto, and shall
4 determine whether the proposed facility is in the best
5 interests of the district. If the department approves the
6 design insofar as its adequacy and its effect upon public
7 health, comfort, and convenience is concerned and if such
8 design, both preliminary and final, is approved by the bureau
9 of building construction, the department, with the assistance
10 of the bureau of building construction, shall determine the
11 approved cost of such construction, which cost including
12 necessary engineering services may be equal to the estimated
13 cost furnished by such district or a lesser amount.

14 Within ninety days after receipt of such application the
15 department shall notify such district of its approval or
16 rejection thereof, and in the event of its rejection, of the
17 reasons therefor. Notice of approval hereunder shall be
18 accompanied by a statement of the approved cost as deter-
19 mined by the department, and an estimate of the amount of
20 facility grant to which such district may be entitled under the
21 provisions of the following section.

1 SECTION 3. The department shall, not later than July first
2 of each year, certify to the comptroller, and the state treas-
3 urer shall within thirty days thereafter, pay to the several
4 districts from any amounts appropriated therefor, the
5 amounts due them in accordance with the following pro-
6 visions:—

7 The total facility grant for any approved project in any
8 district shall be not more than thirty per cent of such
9 approved cost.

10 Such total grant shall be paid in equal annual parts to be
11 determined by dividing such total grant by the number of
12 years during which any indebtedness incurred therefor shall
13 remain outstanding. Such annual payments shall begin in the
14 calendar year in which the first payment of principal and
15 interest on account of such indebtedness shall become due
16 and payable, or in nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, which-
17 ever is later.

1 SECTION 4. Any solid waste disposal facility constructed by

2 the department of public works shall be eligible for a facil-
3 ities grant as provided for in this act to reduce the cost of its
4 services to its users.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on July first of the
2 current year.

