
By Mr. Dolan of Westfield, petition of Richard T. Dolan for legislation to establish the Massachusetts commission of domestic water supply. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

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. Section 17 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as
2 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words
3 "the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission and the commis-
4 sion on employment of the handicapped," inserted by section 2
5 of chapter 662 of the acts of 1958, the following:— the Massa-
6 chusetts commission of domestic water supply.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by add-
2 ing after section 107, added by section 3 of said chapter 662, the
3 following three sections under the caption COMMISSION OF DO-
4 MESTIC WATER SUPPLY:—

5 *Section 108.* There shall be a commission of domestic water
6 supply, in this section and sections one hundred and nine and
7 one hundred and ten called the commission, consisting of the
8 director of the division of waterways of the department of public
9 works, the commissioner of the department of public health,
10 the commissioner of the metropolitan district commission and
11 two members who shall be familiar with matters pertaining to
12 the acquisition and conservation of water for domestic use and
13 consumption, to be appointed by the governor, with the advice
14 and consent of the council. The two members appointed by
15 the governor shall serve for a term of five years, and in the event
16 of a resignation or vacancy among them, his successor shall be

17 appointed to serve for the duration of the unexpired term, said
18 successor to have the same qualifications as his predecessor, and
19 to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of
20 the council. The director of the division of waterways of the
21 department of public works, the commissioner of the depart-
22 ment of public health and the commissioner of the metropolitan
23 district commission shall serve for such period as they hold
24 their respective offices. The commissioner of the metropolitan
25 district commission shall serve as chairman.

26 *Section 109.* The commission shall control and supervise all
27 waters of the commonwealth for domestic use or consumption,
28 and shall establish within the various towns, cities, districts and
29 counties a uniform system for the control and supply of said
30 water. The commission shall in addition have supervision and
31 control over any pollution or contamination of the water supply
32 throughout the commonwealth and shall have authority to adopt
33 any and all measures necessary to prevent contamination or
34 pollution or to remove the same. The commission shall also
35 make an investigation and study of the conversion of sea water
36 to water for human consumption.

37 *Section 110.* The commission shall report annually to the
38 general court and to the governor of its activities and recom-
39 mendations. The members of the commission shall receive no
40 compensation for their services. The commission may appoint
41 an executive secretary who shall be exempt from the provisions
42 of chapter thirty-one. The commission may expend for the
43 salary of the executive secretary and for other expenses such
44 sums as may be appropriated.