

By Mr. McGee of Lynn, petition of Thomas W. McGee for legislation to clarify the law providing financial assistance to cities, towns and districts to provide safe drinking water. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT ACT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE SAFE DRINKING WATER.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat  
2 its purpose, which is to eliminate delay in providing financial  
3 assistance to cities, towns and districts for the provision of safe  
4 drinking water, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency  
5 law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
6 convenience.

*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 1 of chapter 406 of the acts of 1978 is  
2 hereby amended by inserting, in line 5, after the word "construc-  
3 tion" the words: — , commenced after January 1, 1978, — and by  
4 striking out, in lines 9 and 10, the words "cities and towns for  
5 municipally owned water supply systems excluding those provided  
6 by the metropolitan district commission" and inserting in place  
7 thereof the words: — cities, towns and districts for water supply  
8 systems which they own; and provided further that said construc-  
9 tion grants shall be made available only for water supply systems,  
10 or those parts of water supply systems, not provided by the metro-  
11 politan district commission.

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 2 of said chapter  
2 406 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6, 7, and 8 of said  
3 paragraph, the words, "a city, town or water district" and inserting  
4 in place thereof the words: — an eligible city, town or district.

1 SECTION 3. The third paragraph of said section 2 of chapter  
2 406 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1 of said paragraph,  
3 the words "city or town" and inserting in place thereof the  
4 words: — city, town or district— and by striking out, in line 3 of  
5 said paragraph, the words "city or town" and inserting in place  
6 thereof the words: — city, town or district.

1 SECTION 4. Section 4 of said chapter 406 is hereby amended  
2 by striking out, in line 1, the words "city or town" and inserting in  
3 place thereof the words: — city, town or district.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall be effective as of October 5, 1978.