
By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1577) of Carol C. Amick and Sharon M. Pollard for legislation to direct the Department of Commerce and Development to conduct a study on the effects of voluntary or mandatory recycling programs. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF VOLUNTARY OR MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

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

1 The Department of Commerce and Development is hereby
2 authorized and directed to study the feasibility of creating
3 new jobs in, and promoting the development of, industries
4 which either process, or use raw materials, the recyclables
5 (metal cans, paper and glass) which would result from volun-
6 tary or mandatory recycling programs.

7 Said study shall consider, along with the feasibility of
8 establishing such new industry, the kinds of tax laws which
9 would encourage recycling industries; whether flow prices can
10 be guaranteed, the development of new scientific technologies
11 to reuse recycled materials and incentives for public and pri-
12 vate schools to participate in recycling. In the course of said
13 study, the department may wish to consult with the state
14 bureau of solid waste management, the Massachusetts Citi-
15 zens for Recycling and Resource Recovery, the regional divi-
16 sion of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Associ-
17 ated Industries of Massachusetts.

18 The department shall report to the general court the results
19 of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any,
20 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its
21 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk
22 of the house of representatives on or before the last Wednes-
23 day in December 1981.

