
By Mr. Atkins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1867) of Chester G. Atkins and John A. Brennan, Jr., for legislation to require a review of unexpended appropriations financed by bonds. Ways and Means (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS
FINANCED BY BONDS.

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 governor shall review all unexpended appropriations
2 made on or before June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sev-
3 enty-nine which are financed in whole or in part by a bond
4 authorization pursuant to Article LXII of the Amendments to
5 the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Said review shall con-
6 sider the following: (a) whether there have been any changes
7 in the physical needs of the commonwealth reflecting different
8 policy or programmatic objectives, (b) the financial ability
9 of the commonwealth to support any increased operating ex-
10 penditures resulting from the completion of the projects; and
11 (c) the additional debt service resulting from issuance of the
12 bonds. The governor shall transmit a recommendation to the
13 general court on or before April fifteenth, nineteen hundred
14 and eighty-one, detailing which appropriations and bond au-
15 thorizations, previously authorized but unexpended, should be
16 either reduced or repealed. Said recommendation shall include
17 a statement of the reasons for either continuing, reducing or
18 repealing appropriations and bond authorizations.

