

By Mr. Rurak, a petition of James P. Rurak, B. Joseph Tully and Joseph J. C. DiCarlo for legislation to transfer the supervision of the Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs back to the Executive Office of Public Safety. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE SUPERVISION OF THE DIVISION OF MARINE AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BACK TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide that the supervision of the division of marine and recreation vehicles will remain in the executive office of public safety, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience and safety.

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 7 of chapter 21A of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in section 1 of chapter 806 of the acts of 1974, is  
3 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the following sentence: — There shall be  
5 within the office an office of the secretary, a department of en-  
6 vironmental quality engineering, a department of environ-  
7 mental management, a department of food and agriculture, a  
8 department of fisheries and wildlife and a department of the  
9 metropolitan district commission.

1 SECTION 2. Section 8 of said chapter 21A, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out paragraphs four, five and six  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs: —  
4 The department of fisheries and wildlife shall include the  
5 division of fisheries and wildlife, the fisheries and wildlife

6 board, marine advisory board, the public access board, the di-  
7 vision of marine fisheries and the marine fisheries advisory  
8 commission. The transfer of the said division to the depart-  
9 ment of fisheries and wildlife shall not operate to limit or alter  
10 the functions of said divisions nor the provisions of chapters  
11 twenty-one and one hundred and thirty-one affecting said  
12 division.

13 There shall be within the department of fisheries and wildlife  
14 an advisory board of nine members consisting of four mem-  
15 bers of the fisheries and wildlife board, and four members of  
16 the marine fisheries advisory commission. Each board or com-  
17 mission shall appoint from its own members by majority vote  
18 the persons on said board representative of such board or com-  
19 mission. The advisory board shall advise the commissioner  
20 on all matters relevant to the affairs of the department, shall  
21 meet at least quarterly and at the request of the commissioner.  
22 The members of the advisory board shall receive no compensa-  
23 tion but shall be reimbursed by the department for expenses  
24 necessary to the performance of their duties.

1 SECTION 3. Section 10 of said chapter 21A, as so appearing,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 In addition to designated funds which support specific en-  
5 vironmental activities, including the Inland Fisheries and  
6 Game Fund, Marine Fisheries Fund, Agricultural Purposes  
7 Fund, Mosquito and Greenhead Fly Control Fund, Public Ac-  
8 cess Fund, State Recreational Areas Fund, Highway Fund,  
9 Harbors and Inland Waters Maintenance Fund, Federal Capital  
10 Improvement Fund, Solid Waste Disposal Fund, M.D.C. Sewer-  
11 age District Fund, M.D.C. Water District Fund, and M.D.C.  
12 Parks District Fund, there shall be an Environmental Fund as  
13 hereinafter established.

1 SECTION 4. Section eleven of said chapter twenty-one A is  
2 hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. Section thirty of said chapter twenty-one A is  
2 hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 6. Section 18 of chapter 6A of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amend-  
3 ed by section 8 of chapter 806 of the acts of 1974, and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The following state agencies are hereby declared to be with-  
6 in the executive office of public safety: the department of pub-  
7 lic safety and all other state agencies within said department,  
8 including the several boards established by sections eleven A,  
9 thirteen, thirteen A and fourteen of said chapter; the boards  
10 established by sections seventy-one A and seventy-one H of  
11 chapter one hundred and forty-three, and the board of school-  
12 house structural standards established by section one of chap-  
13 ter six hundred and seventy-five of the acts of nineteen hun-  
14 dred and fifty-five; the registry of motor vehicles, including  
15 the division of motorboats; the governor's highway safety com-  
16 mittee; and the Massachusetts police training council.

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