

By Mr. Finnigan of Boston, petition of Michael C. Creedon and Richard F. Finnigan relative to 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, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**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.**

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide that the supervision of the  
3 division of marine and recreation vehicles will remain in the  
4 executive office of public safety, therefore it is hereby declared to  
5 be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of  
6 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 hereby  
3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following sentence: — There shall be within the office  
5 an office of the secretary, a department of environmental quality  
6 engineering, a department of environmental management, a  
7 department of food and agriculture, a department of fisheries and  
8 wildlife and a department of the metropolitan district commis-  
9 sion.

1 SECTION 2. Section 8 of said chapter 21A, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out paragraphs four, five and six and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraphs: —

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

12 There shall be within the department of fisheries and wildlife an  
13 advisory board of nine members consisting of four members of  
14 the fisheries and wildlife board, and four members of the marine  
15 fisheries advisory commission. Each board or commission shall  
16 appoint from its own members by majority vote the persons on  
17 said board representative of such board or commission. The  
18 advisory board shall advise the commissioner on all matters  
19 relevant to the affairs of the department, shall meet at least  
20 quarterly and at the request of the commissioner. The members of  
21 the advisory board shall receive no compensation but shall be  
22 reimbursed by the department for expenses necessary to the  
23 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  
5 environmental activities, including the Inland Fisheries and  
6 Game Fund, Marine Fisheries Fund, Agricultural Purposes  
7 Fund, Mosquito and Greenhead Fly Control Fund, Public  
8 Access 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.  
11 Sewerage District Fund, M.D.C. Water District Fund, and  
12 M.D.C. Parks District Fund, there shall be an Environmental  
13 Fund as hereinafter established.

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

1 SECTION 5. Section thirty of said chapter twenty-one A, as  
2 so appearing, is 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 amended  
3 by section 8 of chapter 806 of the acts of 1974, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The following state agencies are hereby declared to be within  
6 the executive office of public safety: the department of public  
7 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  
12 schoolhouse structural standards established by section one of  
13 chapter six hundred and seventy-five of the acts of nineteen  
14 hundred and fifty-five; the registry of motor vehicles, including  
15 the division of motorboats; the governor's highway safety  
16 committee; and the Massachusetts police training council.

