

By Mr. Lussier of Pittsfield, petition of Thomas R. Lussier for legislation to provide for a Massachusetts clean great lakes program. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN LAKES PROGRAM.

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. Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
2 ed by inserting after Section 37 the following section: —
3 Section 37A. Clean Lakes Program. The division shall adminis-
4 ter a program for the preservation and restoration of the publicly
5 owned lakes and ponds of the commonwealth. Said program shall
6 conform to and complement the program authorized by Section
7 314 of the FWPCA. The division shall survey and investigate said
8 lakes and ponds and shall classify them according to their trophic
9 condition and taking into account their value for public recreation
10 and other relevant matters, shall determine the priority of said
11 lakes and ponds for the studies and projects set forth in this section.
12 The division shall provide for the conduct of studies to diagnose
13 the limnological and environmental characteristics of said lakes
14 and ponds and, on the basis of said diagnosis, to determine the
15 feasibility of methods and procedures to preserve and restore the
16 quality of said lakes and ponds. Where the federal government has
17 provided financial assistance in the amount of seventy percent of
18 the costs of any such study, the division, subject to appropriation,
19 shall provide financial assistance for such study in the amount not
20 exceeding thirty percent of the costs eligible for such federal finan-

21 cial assistance, as determined by the division. In the event that the
22 Congress does not appropriate funds for such studies under said
23 section 314 in any fiscal year, the division, subject to appropria-
24 tion, shall provide financial assistance for such studies in an
25 amount not exceeding seventy percent of the costs which would
26 have been eligible for federal financial assistance.

27 The division shall provide for the conduct of projects to imple-
28 ment methods and procedures for the preservation and restoration
29 of said lakes and ponds. When the federal government has pro-
30 vided financial assistance in the amount of fifty percent of the costs
31 of any project, the division, subject to appropriation, shall provide
32 financial assistance for such project in an amount not exceeding
33 twenty-five percent of the costs eligible for such federal financial
34 assistance, as determined by the division. In the event that the
35 Congress does not appropriate funds for such projects under said
36 section 314 in any fiscal year, the division subject to appropriation,
37 shall provide financial assistance for such projects in an amount
38 not exceeding fifty percent of the costs which would have been
39 eligible for federal financial assistance.

40 Financial assistance provided by the division under this section
41 shall be paid in reimbursement in accordance with a schedule of
42 payments approved by the commissioner of administration.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding, after the fourth paragraph, the follow-
3 ing paragraph:

4 For studies to diagnose the limnological and environmental
5 characteristics of publicly-owned lakes and ponds, and to deter-
6 mine the feasibility of methods and procedures to preserve and
7 restore the quality of said lakes and ponds, and for the implementa-
8 tion of methods and procedures for the preservation and restora-
9 tion of said lakes and ponds.

1 SECTION 3. Section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, is
2 hereby amended by adding after clause (26), the following clause:

3 (26C) For the undertaking of projects for the preservation and
4 restoration of publicly-owned freshwater lakes and ponds in ac-
5 cordance with the provisions of section thirty-seven A of chapter
6 21.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 747 of the acts of 1970, as most recently
2 amended by section 5 of chapter 705 of the acts of 1979, is hereby
3 further amended by adding the following section:

4 *Section 7.* From funds made available by bonds issued pursuant
5 to this act, the director is authorized to expend a sum, not to exceed
6 three million dollars in any one fiscal year for the purpose of
7 providing the financial assistance authorized to be provided by
8 section thirty-seven A of chapter twenty-one of the General Laws:
9 provided, that any funds left unexpended or encumbered in any
10 fiscal year shall also be available for expenditure in the subsequent
11 fiscal year, and provided further, that the total amount of unen-
12 cumbered funds carried over in any one fiscal year shall not exceed
13 five million dollars.

The first part of the document discusses the general principles of the proposed system, which is designed to be both efficient and equitable. It outlines the various components and the way they are intended to interact with one another. The system is based on a set of well-defined rules and procedures that are intended to ensure consistency and fairness in its operation.

The second part of the document provides a detailed description of the specific components of the system. Each component is described in terms of its function, its relationship to other components, and the way it is intended to be used. This part of the document is intended to provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of the system's structure and organization.

The third part of the document discusses the implementation of the system. It outlines the steps that are required to put the system into operation, and it provides a detailed description of the resources and personnel that are required to support the system. This part of the document is intended to provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of the system's operational requirements.

The fourth part of the document discusses the evaluation of the system. It outlines the methods that are used to measure the system's performance, and it provides a detailed description of the results of these evaluations. This part of the document is intended to provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of the system's effectiveness and efficiency.

The fifth part of the document discusses the future of the system. It outlines the plans for the system's continued development and improvement, and it provides a detailed description of the resources and personnel that are required to support these plans. This part of the document is intended to provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of the system's long-term viability and sustainability.