

SENATE No. 1448

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1448) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to establish the position of bicycle program specialist in the Division of Forests and Parks of the Department of Environmental Management. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF BICYCLE PROGRAM SPECIALIST IN THE DIVISION OF FORESTS AND PARKS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT.

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

1 Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4G of the following section: —

3 *Section 4H.* There shall be in the division of forests and
4 parks a bicycle program specialist who shall work under the
5 supervision of the chief of urban services. Said specialist shall
6 receive such salary as the commissioner, with the approval of
7 the board of environmental management, shall approve, and
8 shall perform and have the following duties and responsibilities:
9 ties: —

10 1. To organize, prepare plans for, and implement statewide
11 programs to provide safe and convenient bicycle parking facilities
12 for the commuting cyclist;

13 2. To coordinate with state, county and local officials and
14 representatives of industry and business on matters pertaining
15 to bicycle commuting;

16 3. To consult with state and local officials on the planning
17 of bicycle routes to work locations utilizing existing roads;

18 4. To promote the development of bicycle trails, bikeways
19 and bike paths for the commuting and recreational cyclist;

20 5. To research and collect information and data on the latest
21 developments in bicycle routes and trail design, bicycle
22 parking equipment, and bicycle safety;

23 6. To meet with various special interest and citizen groups
24 concerned with commuting or recreational cycling;

25 7. To conduct and supervise studies and surveys relating to
26 the commuting and recreational cyclist;

27 8. To promote, conduct or assist in the production and im-
28 plementation of bicycle safety campaigns and programs;

29 9. To design printed informational material, including bro-
30 chures and maps; and

31 10. To perform other related duties as required.

32 Said bicycle program specialist shall be a non-voting mem-
33 ber of the project review committee of the Department of
34 Public Works and a member of the Massachusetts Bay Trans-
35 portation Authority's Board of Directors to insure that biking
36 interests are well represented and safeguarded in relation to
37 road improvements for bicyclists, including wide curb lanes
38 and smooth shoulders, and suitable bicycle parking.