

SENATE No. 1610

By Mr. Doris, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1610) of Francis D. Doris for legislation to further define the distribution of the unrefunded marine gasoline tax. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE DISPOSITION OF THE UNREFUNDED
MARINE GASOLINE TAX.

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 13 of Chapter 64A of the General Laws
2 as inserted by section two of Chapter 481 of the Acts of 1979
3 is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (a) and (b) of
4 said section and inserting in place thereof the following para-
5 graph: —

6 (a) Eighty-one and thirty-six hundredths percent shall be
7 credited to the Highway fund.

8 (b) Whereas not less than one percent of the excise im-
9 posed by section four is obtained from the sale of importation
10 of fuel used in producing or generating power for the opera-
11 tion of watercraft of every description, except seaplanes, said
12 amount shall be credited to the following funds in the follow-
13 ing manner: —

14 Twenty hundredths of one percent shall be credited to the
15 inland fisheries and game fund established by section two of
16 Chapter one hundred and thirty-one.

17 Eighty hundredths of one percent shall be credited to the
18 Harbor and Inland Water Maintenance Fund established by
19 section ten C of Chapter ninety-one.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 91 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 10A the following sec-
3 tion: —

4 *Section 10C.* Any sums which may be credited under clause

5 (b) of section thirteen of Chapter sixty-four A and all sums
6 received by the commonwealth from the federal government
7 on account of the activities of the department relative to the
8 continuous maintenance, dredging and cleaning of all areas
9 within the harbors, inland waters and great ponds of the com-
10 monwealth and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions
11 of section thirty-one of Chapter ninety-one shall be credited
12 to a fund to be known as the Harbors and Inland Waters
13 Maintenance Fund. All monies in said fund shall be appro-
14 priated only for the purpose of continuous maintenance,
15 dredging, cleaning of the harbors, inland waters and great
16 ponds of the commonwealth by the department through its
17 division of waterways in order to protect the wetlands of the
18 commonwealth. The department shall select sites for the dis-
19 posal of dredged or excavated materials.

1 SECTION 3. Section 3B of Chapter 283 of the Acts of 1976
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words, "Harbor and
3 Inland Waters Maintenance Fund."