

By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1832) of Carol C. Amick, Robert C. Beull, John F. Cusack, Adrew J. Rogers, Jr., Michael W. Morrissey, Sherman W. Saltmarsh, Jr., David W. Stickell and Richard A. Kraus for legislation to increase the state contribution to financial assistance to cities, towns, districts and water and sewer commissions for water improvement projects. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT INCREASING THE STATE CONTRIBUTION IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CITIES, TOWNS, DISTRICTS AND WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONS FOR WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

*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 1 of chapter 406 of the Acts of 1979 as  
2 most recently amended by section 23 of the Acts of 1982 is  
3 hereby further amended by inserting after the phrase "cities,  
4 towns and districts" the following: —  
5 "and water and sewer commissions"

1 SECTION 2. Said section 1 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking the phrase "provided, however, that said construction  
3 grants shall not exceed fifty percent of the total cost of said  
4 construction project;" and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
5 lowing: —

6 "provided, however, that said construction grants shall not  
7 exceed seventy-five percent of the total cost of said construc-  
8 tion project;"

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of said chapter 406 of the Acts of 1979  
2 as most recently amended by chapter 771 of the Acts of 1980  
3 is hereby further amended by striking the first provided phrase  
4 in the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
5 lowing: —

6 "provided, however, that no grant made by the department  
7 shall exceed seventy-five percent of the total construction cost

8 of any project deemed eligible by the department;”

1 SECTION 4. Said section 2 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following:—

4 “Upon receipt by any city, town, district, or water and sewer  
5 commission of federal funds granted expressly for the pur-  
6 pose of constructing a drinking water filtration plant for the  
7 treatment of public water supply, such city, town, district or  
8 water and sewer commission receiving assistance under this  
9 program shall reimburse the commonwealth for such assistance  
10 the amount by which such federal funds exceed fifteen per-  
11 cent of said construction costs.”

1 SECTION 5. Section 37A of chapter 21 of the General Laws  
2 as inserted by section 1 of chapter 628 of the Acts of 1981 and  
3 most recently amended by section 12 of chapter 286 of the  
4 Acts of 1982 is hereby further amended by striking the third  
5 sentence in the third paragraph and inserting in place there-  
6 of the following:—

7 “In the event that the Congress does not appropriate funds  
8 for such projects under said section 1324 of said Title 33 in any  
9 fiscal year, the division subject to appropriation, shall provide  
10 financial assistance for such projects in an additional amount  
11 not exceeding seventy-five percent of the costs which would  
12 have been eligible for federal financial assistance.