
By Mr. Doane, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1273) of Paul V. Doane and Haden G. Greenhalgh for legislation to establish a time period for expiration of abandoned cranberry bog "sand rights", so-called. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TIME PERIOD FOR EXPIRATION OF
ABANDONED "SAND RIGHTS".

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. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, rights
2 acquired by owners and operators of cranberry bogs which ex-
3 tend to adjacent properties and permit the excavation and
4 removal of sand from said property for the purpose of
5 cultivating and assisting the production of cranberries, shall
6 be considered abandoned and such "sand rights" so called,
7 shall terminate whenever a period of twenty consecutive years
8 of non-use of such rights occurs.

1 SECTION 2. To preserve such "Sand Rights" so called, in full
2 force and effect such owner shall file an instrument in the
3 Registry of Deeds of said county wherein said property is
4 situated which includes a sworn statement as to actual use of
5 such rights during the prior twenty year period. Such state-
6 ment shall include an intent to continue to utilize such rights
7 as well as reference to the need for continuation of such rights.

