

By Mr. Foley, a petition of Daniel J. Foley for legislation to amend the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District relative to industrial pre-treatment requirements and construction of an operator training facility. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AMENDING THE UPPER BLACKSTONE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT DISTRICT RELATIVE TO INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT REQUIREMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF OPERATOR TRAINING FACILITY.

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 Seven of Chapter Seven Hundred Fifty-
2 Two of the Acts of Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Eight, as most
3 recently amended, is further amended by deleting said Sec-
4 tion in its entirety and substituting the following as Section
5 Seven: "The Board shall prevent the discharge into the sewers
6 of substances which may damage or impair the sewage col-
7 lection and sewage treatment system or interfere with its
8 maintenance or operation. The Board shall have the right to
9 enter any premises from which any sewer or drain is con-
10 nected with any part of the sewerage system under its control
11 or with any tributary sewerage or with the systems of any
12 member city, town or sewer district, to (i) determine the con-
13 dition of said sewer, drain, sewage pumping station, trunk or
14 treatment works, (ii) determine the amount and character of
15 sewage, drainage or other wastes flowing therefrom, (iii)
16 determine whether such sewage, drainage or other wastes
17 does, or is likely to, damage or impair the sewerage system
18 or the system of any member city, town or sewer district or
19 interfere with its maintenance and operation, and (iv) inspect
20 records required to be kept by regulation of the Board or other
21 governmental entity. The Board shall, for the proper and
22 reasonable operation of its works, make regulations as to the
23 quantity and character of any sewage, drainage or other

24 wastes discharged into any sewer under its control or any
25 sewer tributary thereto, but such regulations shall not be less
26 than those established by the Division of Water Pollution Con-
27 trol. Such regulations may impose federal, state and other in-
28 dustrial pretreatment requirements directly upon industrial
29 and other users of the sewage collection systems tributary to
30 the District's sewerage system and may require such in-
31 dustrial and other users to obtain discharge permits directly
32 from the District. The District may charge permit application
33 fees to recover the costs of processing permit applications and
34 may directly bill industrial users to recover the District's an-
35 nual cost of implementing an industrial pretreatment pro-
36 gram. The District may enforce its regulations directly against
37 industrial and other users of sewer systems tributary to
38 District Sewage Works by court action seeking injunctive relief
39 and penalties or by other action deemed appropriate by the
40 District. Violation of District regulations is subject to a civil
41 penalty up to ten thousand dollars, with each day of a con-
42 tinuing violation being a separate violation."

1 SECTION 2. Section Twelve of Chapter Seven Hundred Fifty-
2 Two of the Acts of Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Eight, as most
3 recently amended, is further amended by adding a new second
4 paragraph as follows:

5 "The District may file application for, accept and use any
6 federal or state funds available for the purpose of construct-
7 ing a facility for training and technical assistance in
8 wastewater treatment. The District may enter into inter-
9 agency agreements with the Commonwealth for the purpose
10 of providing facilities for training and technical assistance in
11 wastewater treatment."