

SENATE No. 920

By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 920) of Carol C. Amick, David P. Magnani and Richard A. Kraus for legislation to authorize the Department of Environmental Management to establish a grants program for the safe disposal of household hazardous waste. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH A GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.

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. Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section 3D the following new section: —

4 Section 3E. The department shall establish a program of grants
5 to cities, towns, and regional planning agencies for programs to
6 provide for the safe disposal of household hazardous waste. Said
7 program shall provide for the establishment of collection sites and
8 the dissemination of information concerning said sites, and
9 include a program of education. Said funds, subject to
10 appropriation, shall be administered by cities, towns, and regional
11 agencies pursuant to standards, rules, and regulations established
12 by the department of environmental management. The collection,
13 transport, and disposal of the household hazardous waste shall be
14 conducted in compliance with all applicable regulations
15 promulgated by the department of environmental quality
16 engineering pursuant to chapter 21C of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 2. All monies remaining unexpended on the
2 effective date of this act which were appropriated by line item
3 2200-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 206 of the Acts of 1986 for

4 a program of grants to cities, towns, and regional planning
5 agencies to provide for the safe disposal of household hazardous
6 waste are hereby transferred to, and shall be available for
7 expenditure by the department of environmental management for
8 the purposes for which such funds were appropriated. Nothing
9 in this section shall be construed to transfer monies obligated by
10 the department of environmental quality engineering for a
11 program of water conservation grants to cities, towns, and
12 districts of the commonwealth as authorized by a portion of line
13 item 2200-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 1985.

14 All questions regarding the identification of the monies which
15 shall be transferred shall be determined by the secretary of
16 environmental affairs.

1 SECTION 3. All duly existing contracts, agreements, and
2 obligations of the department of environmental quality
3 engineering which relate to grants to cities, towns, and regional
4 planning agencies to provide for the safe disposal of household
5 hazardous waste and which are executed or in force immediately
6 prior to the effective date of this act, shall thereafter be performed
7 and be enforceable by the department of environmental
8 management. No existing right or remedy of any character shall
9 be lost, impaired, or affected by the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 4. All books, papers, records, and documents,
2 which immediately prior to the effective date of this act, are in
3 the custody of the department of environmental quality
4 engineering and which relate to or are maintained for the purpose
5 of the exercise of such powers or the performance of such duties
6 as authorized or required pursuant to line item 2200-0300 of
7 Section 2 of Chapter 206 of the Acts of 1986, are hereby
8 transferred to the department of environmental management.

9 All questions regarding the identification of such books, papers,
10 records, and documents to which custody thereof is transferred
11 shall be determined by the secretary of environmental affairs.