

By Ms. Pines, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1141) of Theodore D. Mann, David B. Cohen, Lois G. Pines, Susan D. Schur and Anthony M. Mandile for legislation to provide for a study of the possibility of establishing a fund to be used to supplement the current funding of the cleanup of Boston Harbor. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INITIATING A STUDY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND TO SUPPLEMENT THE CLEANUP COST OF BOSTON HARBOR.

1 *Whereas*, the currently projected cost of cleaning Boston
2 Harbor is estimated to be over six billion dollars;

3 *Whereas*, the cost of said cleanup shall be funded by water and
4 sewer fees imposed on users in the Massachusetts Water
5 Resources Authority "MWRA" communities;

6 *Whereas*, the current projection indicates that future water and
7 sewer fees will be in excess of present property tax assessments
8 in many communities;

9 *Whereas*, users of the Boston Harbor other than residents of
10 the MWRA communities should share in the cost of cleanup;

11 *Now Therefore*, be it enacted that the Commonwealth shall
12 conduct a study considering the establishment of a fund to be used
13 to supplement the current funding of the cleanup of Boston
14 Harbor. The study should consider such issues as: the assessment
15 of fees on commercial users of the Harbor for such use and the
16 imposition of penalties against polluters of the Harbor as a
17 revenue source for the fund; other potential sources of revenue
18 for the fund; the State agency which shall administer the fund;
19 and the effect of the establishment of a fund on existing state and
20 federal laws and regulations.

21 The report summarizing the findings and recommendations
22 should be submitted to the General Court no later than July 1,
23 1990.

